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THE ADVANCE AGAINST RICHMOND

A Successful Expedition Up the Pamunkey River.

Two Steamers and a Number of Schooners Belonging to the Rebels Destroyed.

Gen. McClellan Only Fifteen Miles from the Rebel Capital.

The Enemy Driven Across Bottom's Bridge.

Engagement Between a Rebel Battery and our Gunboats on the James River.

Temporary Retirement of Our Vessels.

The River Open to Within Eight Miles of Richmond.

DISPATCH FROM GEN. McCLELLAN.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, WHITE HOUSE, May 17—10:30 P. M.

Hon. E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War:

A combined naval and army expedition, under Capt. MURRAY, U. S. N., with troops and artillery under Major WILLIAMS and Capt. AYRES, of the army, went some twenty-five miles up the Pamunkey River to-day, and forced the rebels to destroy two steamers and some twenty schooners. The expedition was admirably managed, and all concerned deserve great credit.

We have advanced considerably to-day.

The roads are now improving.

GEO. B. McCLELLAN, Major-General.

ADVANCE OF THE ARMY TO BOTTOM'S BRIDGE.

WHITE HOUSE, Va., Sunday, May 18.

The advance guard of our forces on the main road to Richmond by way of Bottom's Bridge, drove the enemy across the Chickahominy River at that point, yesterday morning.

When our troops arrived within half a mile of the bridge, which is burned, they were opened upon by a brisk fire of artillery from the opposite side of the river. No one was injured.

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A reconnoissance was made yesterday by one of the gunboats with two companies of infantry under Major WILLIAMS, and one section of AYRES' Battery, up the Pamunkey River, a distance of 25 miles from here. At a point known as Russell's Landing, they found the steamer *Logan*, one propeller and fifteen schooners in flames. They were laden mostly with corn, which was being unloaded.

Some contrabands on shore stated that when the rebels heard our gunboats coming they commenced putting the corn on board again, so as to insure its destruction. A few shell soon dispersed the remaining rebels in that locality, when the gunboats returned to the White House.

The roads for the past three days have been next to impossible, owing to the recent rains. A division train was thirty-six hours making its way five miles with teams doubled, together with the assistance furnished by a large number of troops. The advance of the army from this point must necessarily be slow. From here it loses the benefit of river transportation, requiring all the supply trains at the disposal of the Quartermaster's Department to furnish so vast a body of men with subsistence.

The bridge between here and the enemy has been destroyed, and every imaginable obstruction placed in the way of an advance.

The Richmond *Dispatch*, of the 12th, has a lengthy article on the evacuation of Norfolk and Yorktown, and the conduct of the war generally. It says: "By abandoning detached posts which are within reach of the enemy's fleet, and which it is therefore impossible to defend, *we are enabled to concentrate powerful forces upon essential points, and to baffle the enemy in every attack of vital importance.*"

The same paper makes mention of a *terrible panic in Richmond on Friday, on the approach of our gunboats.*

This being Sunday, the army of the Potomac has ceased its labors, the troops remaining in camp, enjoying a day of rest.

THE REPULSE OF OUR GUNBOATS.

WILLIAMSBURGH, May 17.

To Hon. E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War:

The gunboats *Galena, Monitor, Aroostook, Naugatuck* and *Port Royal* were repulsed from Fort Darling, seven miles below Richmond, yesterday. A portion of them have returned to Jamestown Island, near this place, in James River.

Lieut. MORRIS, commanding the *Port Royal*, sent overland to me this morning for intelligence regarding the condition of the fort below the island, and also to assist in burying the dead, which he brought down with him. Seventeen have been interred on the banks of the river, and there are a number of the wounded on board, including Lieut. MORRIS.

The 100-pound gun of the Naugatuck exploded at the first fire. (Signed)

DAVID CAMPBELL, Col. Fifth Cavalry.

By authority of G. B. McCLELLAN.

FURTHER AND BETTER PARTICULARS.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, May 18.

No official report of the gunboat affair on the James River has been received at the Navy Department. The messages received on the subject indicate an opportunity to do better in the future.

The river is now clear of obstructions to within eight miles of Richmond. At that point there is a heavy battery mounted on a high bluff, and the river is temporarily closed to navigation by sunken vessels, among which are said to be the Yorktown and Jamestown, and by piles, chains, &c.

The *Monitor* could not elevate her guns sufficiently to reach the high battery, which rendered her useless. The banks of the river were filled with rifle-pits, from which an incessant fire was poured upon the fleet, a part of which was engaged at 600 to 1,800 yards from the main battery.

After an action of four hours, the fleet finding it impracticable, under the circumstances, to silence the battery on the bluff, withdrew. Our loss was 13 killed and 11 wounded, among the latter Lieut. MORRIS, in the leg by a Minié ball, but not seriously.

It is expected that full particulars will be received in the morning.

OPERATIONS ON THE PENINSULA.

Our Forces along the Pamunkey—Narrow Escape of Gen. McClellan's Baggage Train—Interview with the Rebel Officers—What they think of Norfolk and New-Orleans—Of the Fight at Williamsburgh.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

CUMBERLAND, Va., Wednesday, May 14, 1862.

We have reached the limits of water communication on this side of the Peninsula, a portion of our army being now at Whitehouse, the head of navigation on the Pamunkey, five miles above here. From there it stretches down past this place, to the neighborhood of New-Kent Court-House, presenting a front to the enemy gathering on the Chickahominy. The rebels appear to have nothing more than a corps *of observation on this side of the river*, though I hear stories of their being in considerable force at some points in front of our lines. At all events, we are again face to face with them, our pickets coming in contact with theirs, and their main body being within a day's march of ours—that is, supposing they are still on the upper water of the Chickahominy. I do not propose to stake my reputation for accuracy upon the assertion that they are there, for they appear and disappear with all the facility of dissolving views, and it is hardly safe to give fixedness and point to any statement of their whereabouts. For several days, they have been in sight from the high ground about Whitehouse; to-day, as I learn, they are no longer to be seen from there—taking advantage, perhaps, of the night to put the balance of their forces in that neighborhood safely beyond the Chickahominy.

During the advance yesterday a portion of Gen. McCLELLAN's train came near falling into the hands of a scouting party of rebels, owing to a mistake in taking the wrong road. The Eighth Pennsylvania Cavalry advanced to the rescue, and held the enemy in check long enough to secure the escape of the train. The cavalry fell back, however, on discovering the presence of artillery with the forces opposed to them. One rebel was shot, and one of our men wounded. The affair created considerable excitement for a time, and the whole army was held in *readiness to act, should the rebels appear to be in any force*; but they did not venture to follow up our cavalry *to within reach of the main body in their rear.* Our force was strengthened by infantry, who did not make any *serious attempt to advance* upon the rebels.

Two Southern Lieutenants—members of Gen. STUART'S Staff—came in yesterday to New-Kent under a flag of truce, to request permission for a lady to go to Williamsburgh, with carriage and servants, to look after her wounded husband, who is reported to be near death. Through the indiscretion of our pickets, they were taken through our lines without being blindfolded, and to prevent their making use of the information thus obtained, they are held in custody for the present, the flag under which they came to us being a private affair, covering no official communication—if, in fact, it is not a mere ruse to obtain information. I believe the request they brought is to be granted.

At an interview I had with them this morning, there was a sharp contest of wits as to which should learn the most and tell the least; as neither of us gained much in the way of information. One is a Mississippian, and a fair specimen of the malignant type of Southerner. Vexed at the rude curiosity of a soldier who stared at him through the window, he drew his revolver, threatening to shoot him unless he took his face away; at the same time casting reflections upon his ancestry, calling him a "—Yankee son of a—." The Virginian is of the milder type, and I found him quite a pleasant spoken gentleman, disposed to accept and extend such courtesies as his situation allowed. While I was sitting on the table at his side, in familiar conversation, he very politely offered his tobacco to the Captain of the Provost Guard, who was filling his pipe; thus responding to our approaches to friendliness, while his companion in air and manner showed with what pleasure he would welcome an opportunity to cut our several and individual throats. They were dressed in a neat suit of gray, with double-breasted coats, having gilt buttons and gold lace on the sleeves, which is the nearest approach to a uniform I have found among the rebels.

These officers declared that they had no more than 5,000 men in the fight at Williamsburgh, and that their loss was not over 500 in killed and wounded, but these assertions are in the face of direct proof to the contrary. They say that Gen. STUART commanded their forces that day, and deny that JOHNSTON was on the field, or Gen. RAINS, who was reported killed. They had heard of the evacuation of Norfolk, and which they said was a necessary accompaniment of the evacuation of Yorktown. They did not believe in the destruction of the *Merrimac*, but were sure that we should yet hear from her somewhere. They had heard, too, of a fight at the West, in which BUELL had been defeated, and of the capture of New-Orleans, where our vessels, they said, had used up a fabulous quantity of powder and many tons of iron, killing only one of their men and wounding another.

"Ah! but we took the city and many prisoners."

"Yes, your gunboats ran by the forts in a fog, and they were cut off and had to surrender. There were not over 500 men in the forts, who could not get away, and those are all your prisoners."

Though they could tell us thus much, on other points of interest they were profoundly ignorant, determined to yield no information that might please or serve us, and they got as little from us. They took occasion to give utterance to the usual expressions of the invincible determination of the South, and we spared them the inquiry as to the meaning of their retreating armies and absconding legislators.

PIERREPONT.

Affairs at New-Kent Court-house—Gen. Stoneman on the Heels of the Enemy—Prisoners—The Stories of Rebel Atrocities Confirmed—Rebel Losses at West Point, &c.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

FRANKLIN'S DIVISION, NEW-KENT COURT-HOUSE, Va., Monday, May 12, 1862.

I reached this place yesterday morning, and found it occupied by Gen. STONEMAN'S Cavalry, supported by the First and Second New-Jersey Volunteers, under Acting Brig.-Gen. TAYLOR. They were in the advance, and close upon the retreating columns of the enemy. Prisoners were being brought in during the whole of yesterday, many of whom were willing captives, having loitered on the rear of the Confederate army, in the hope of being overtaken. One young man, of handsome person and frank manner, whose name I will not now mention, and who has a brother in high position in our Union army, partially disclosed his sentiments. He was impressed into their service, and was unwilling to fight against the Union. He is a Virginian by birth, and affirms that Virginia in the rebel army will not go beyond their own State to fight. He thinks the Confederates number 110,000, and has heard of new levies coming forward to the number of 40,000 more.

Many of the prisoners say that they came over to us to save themselves from starvation, and one coolly declared himself anxious to go back to his regiment, after getting something to eat.

A contraband by the name of "Moses," owned by a Lieutenant in the Fourth Alabama Regiment, an intelligent, honest-looking man, confirms the stories of atrocities perpetrated on our wounded men. He alleges that he saw a man murdered who was unable, being wounded, to keep up. He says that on his manifesting an utter inability to march, a rebel deliberately cut his throat, and left him.

The country through which we have come is sandy and wretchedly poor. Extensive forests of pines reach for miles at a stretch, unbroken by a clearing, or a house. Here and there you come to an extensive plain, bearing evidence of cultivation, and presenting to the eye the green field, the blossoming orchard, and the well-stocked barn-yard. Everywhere you meet with slaves, and their rude huts, which are built of logs, with log chimneys, the interstices being filled with mud. They seem wretchedly poor.

New Kent Court-house is situated on elevated ground, in the midst of this sandy pine region, and isolated by miles of bad roads and sparsely settled country from communication with the world. The village which goes by this name, is composed of the Court-house, Clerk's office, jail, hotel and two or three houses. The Court-house is an old two-story brick house, having one room below and three rooms above stairs, all very small. The jail was used latterly as a storehouse for grain. The rebels, however, fired it on their retreat, and it is now a ruin. In the vicinity *resides a gentleman who was impressed into the rebel service, and who deserted after serving two* months—secreting himself in the woods whenever rebel troops came into the neighborhood. His wife, a bright, earnest little woman, hung out a white flag, and said to me, with sparkling eyes, that she only wished it was the "Stars and Stripes." This is the only instance of hearty Union feeling that I have met thus far, the inhabitants generally preserving a moody silence, or expressing a conviction that secession would win its objects.

The inhabitants, deserters and others, unite in the declaration that the rebels lost nearly 300 in killed and wounded in the affair near West Point. Lieut.-Col. BLACK was killed, together with a number of line officers. That they were driven off with loss, and that they were apprehensive of pursuit may be proven by a note in my possession, written on the day after the battle, and which is as follows:

To Gen. Pettigrew:

GENERAL—Gen. STUART asks for help to protect the wounded. I think I ought to go. You can make disposition accordingly. C. A. BUELL,
Lieutenant-Colonel.

I have omitted in my reports of the action on the 7th to say that, Gen. NEWTON, commanding brigade under Gen. FRANKLIN, was in command—subordinate, of course, to the latter, who was on the field—of the forces in action. Official reports give great praise to the men and officers engaged on that occasion.

R. R. Y.

The Excelsior Brigade at Williamsburgh—*Their Heroic Fighting and Immense Loss*—Indignation at Misstatements of the Battle—How They Did Fight—How They Died—How They Bore Their Wounds.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

IN THE FIELD, Sunday, May 11, 1862.

The Historic Muse will seldom have to record greater heroism than that exhibited by what is commonly known as the First, Third, Fourth and Fifth Regiments of the Excelsior Brigade, (the Seventieth, Seventy-second, Seventy-third and Seventy-fourth N. Y. V.,) on the field of Williamsburgh. Fatigued and worn out with picket and trench duty, they were the first to raise the old flag on the battlements of Yorktown, and were thrown forward to pursue the flying enemy.

They met him at Williamsburgh. The First and Third Brigades of HOOKER'S Division had been fighting with great bravery for several hours, but at last by superior numbers were driven back. Then it was that the Excelsior Brigade was ordered forward.

For an hour, they had been standing ankle deep in mud, waiting whilst the dead and wounded of the other brigades were being carried by them. At the word "March!" they moved off as solid and steady as if on parade. The field they were ordered into was covered with felled timber. In front of it was Fort Magruder—an immense earthwork; on their flank was the enemy concealed in the woods.

Their appearance was the occasion of an increase of the rebel fire; and as the Fifth filed out of the woods, their red-breeched Zouaves wheeling into line excited every energy of the enemy, and while from his battery he belched forth showers of canister and grape, from the flank he poured in a perfect hail of Miniés. Not a man faltered. Gen. HEINTZELMANN, in his old hat and cloak, looked on in admiration, and exclaimed, "They're soldiers!" And soldiers they were. Gen. HOOKER also looked on in admiration. With a wild hurrah they went at their work.

Their ranks were thinned at every fire. DWIGHT, Colonel of the First, was down, shot through the groin, but his regiment proved themselves worthy of so gallant a leader. Officers were falling in every direction. The dead and dying lay in heaps. Yet steadily the remnant kept up the fire. The enemy was checked and maddened to desperation; he redoubled his energies, but the men stood firm and the day was won. Reinforcements came up, and what was left of the brigade retired in good order.

But was that the Excelsior Brigade that came back—that comparatively little handful of men? Look at the depôt for the wounded—look at the field! Col. DWIGHT and Lieut.-Col. FARNUM, of the First, are wounded, while seven of his nine Captains are *hors du combat*. The gallant O'REILLY fell dead as he gave the order "Forward, march!" The Third is thinned out. Lieut.-Col. BARRIOS, of the Fourth, is missing, while the heroic Captain of the Color Company of the Fifth, (Capt. QUARTERMAN,) lies on the field with five balls in his body, (yet alive,) and the brave FURBY is shot through the shoulder.

The fire of the enemy was terrific. The First Regiment had 98 killed and 120 wounded; the Third had some 200 killed and wounded; the Fourth had 16 killed, and a proportionate number wounded, while the Fifth had 50 killed and 100 wounded.

Figures don't give the reader an idea of the number. One does not comprehend what a hundred wounded men are until he sees them lying on the ground before him—mutilated, shattered, torn, or hears their cry for water for the love of Heaven—sees the surgeons at their bloody work—hears the shrieks of anguish—the deep groan of pain. Then he realizes it; and when above the groans and cries he hears the din of battle, and the loud shouts of the combatants, he realizes how feebly the picture of it can be conveyed by pen and ink, or types. It is a scene not to be described by language.

Instances of individual heroism were so frequent, that it seems almost invidious to mention any. Private DANIEL ZISSLE, of Company E, Fifth Regiment, displayed remarkable fortitude. A Minié ball shattered his forearm. Resting his gun upon a stump, he fired it with his remaining hand, and then fell wounded by two balls—one through his thigh, the other in his breast. Surgeon CARNOCHAN amputated the arm, and he is doing well.

Corporal LEON, of Company B, Fifth Excelsior (Seventy-fourth New-York,) was shot through the thigh. His history is worthy of notice. He is an old Italian soldier, and served under GARIBALDI, being an officer of, I think, the grade of Captain. Upon the breaking out of the rebellion he came to this country to use his sword once more in the sacred cause of liberty. He bears with him letters of introduction to prominent men, but getting out of funds, unable to speak our language, and failing to find friends, he enlisted as a private in the company upon fed. He has been in a number of battles, but was never before wounded. He refused to allow the surgeon to dress his wound until others were attended, declaring it "was nothing." Such instances of fortitude were so common as to be the rule, not the exception.

Since the above was written, New-York papers have been received, in which the entire credit of winning the battle is given to HAZZARD'S Brigade, and in one Philadelphia paper is the malignant misstatement that the Excelsior Brigade did not stand firm. Much indignation is manifested throughout the whole of Gen. HOOKER'S Division at the different brigades of the division not receiving the credit of the heroic fighting they performed. The three brigades of that division fought as well as men ever fought, although opposed to overwhelming odds, and none did better than the Excelsior Brigade. The returns of the killed and wounded show who bore the brunt of the battle, and the official reports of Gens. HEINTZELMAN and HOOKER will no doubt be fully as conclusive.

You will see by the heading of this sheet that it is written on the blank leaves of an old rebel clothing account book, belonging to the First Company of the Thirteenth Regiment of Louisiana Volunteers.

CEDMA.

THE BATTLE OF WILLIAMSBURGH.

HOW IT WAS FOUGHT AND WHO FOUGHT IT.

CAMP NEAR BRANDYWINE, Va., Sunday, May 18, 1862.

The rebels having abandoned their formidable works across the peninsula at Yorktown, an immediate advance was ordered, and the Federal army bivouacked on Sunday night, May 4, in the following positions: Gen. HOOKER'S Division in the swampy *woods, one and a half miles from, and opposite to the* centre of the enemy's line of works near Williamsburg. Gen. SMITH'S Division at the front and on the right wing with the First and Sixth Regular Cavalry, Eighth Illinois Cavalry, and three batteries of artillery under Gen. STONEMAN. Gens. KEARNEY, COUCH and CASEY'S Divisions halted for the night several miles in the rear, while the other Divisions of the army remained on the line of Yorktown.

Already on the afternoon of the 4th, Gen. STONEMAN, who commanded the advance, had had some severe skirmishing, and Gen. SUMNER (whose entire corps d'armée remained behind, but who was senior in command) had ordered, just at sunset, an attack on the enemy's works, but the lateness of the hour, together with other circumstances, combined to postpone the attack until the morrow.

At 7½ o'clock A. M., on the 5th of May, Gen. HOOKER engaged the enemy on the centre, and here it was that the battle of Williamsburgh took place. Here Gen. HEINTZELMAN (who commanded on the centre and left) brought two divisions of his Corps (HOOKER'S and KEARNEY'S) into action; here the hardest fighting was done—our loss being nearly 2,000, while that of our right wing under Gens. SUMNER, KEYES, HANCOCK, PECK, &c., amounted to little over one hundred.

At the same time the forces on our right wing were much greater than those commanded by Gen. HEINTZELMAN.

The road to this principal battle-field debouched from the heavy woods about 600 yards from, and opposite to the strongest redoubt of the enemy, called Fort Magruder, flanked on either side by six lesser works, and stretching about three miles across the peninsula from Green's to Achenbaugs Creeks, emptying respectively into the York and James rivers.

About one mile to the rear and right of this line of defence, on an open and undulating plain, Williamsburgh, the capital, through which lead the only roads open to the enemy for retreat or to bring up reinforcements, and which accounts for their being in such superior force on their centre and right.

Heavy rains having fallen the night before and continuing all day, rendered the dragging up of artillery over the broken, corduroyed and deeply-cut mud road all but impossible, till Gen. HOOKER'S Chief of Artillery, Major WAINWRIGHT, succeeded in placing WEAVER'S battery on the right of the road on a plowed field, thick with burnt stumps, and boldly advanced one piece beyond a heavy entanglement of felled timber on the left to the open field, and within 300 yards of Fort Magruder.

Many of the officers, men and horses of this battery being killed by the opening fire from the Fort, volunteer cannoneers were called for, and nobly responded by manning and working the guns with such precision and effect as to silence the Fort for several hours, when, many being picked off by the enemy's riflemen, the rest were obliged to fall back to escape capture by a charge of infantry.

Gen. GROVER'S Brigade, composed of the First and Eleventh Massachusetts, Second New-Hampshire, and Twenty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers, was the first engaged.

Skirmishers were then thrown into the woody entanglement on the left to clean out, if possible, some of the numberless rifle pits of the enemy which dotted the whole plain in front of their works.

During the morning the enemy under Gen. LONGSTREET were strongly reinforced by Gen. JOHNSTON'S troops already on their line of retreat beyond Williamsburgh.

These advanced through a deep ravine protected by a square redoubt on the immediate right of Fort Magruder, and endeavored to turn our left flank through the woods.

The battle now became most serious. Every instant rattling gusts of artillery and musketry swept down the troops, while the wounded, carried or supported to the rear, formed one long, sad, continuous procession.

Three times the enemy penetrated deeply into the skirts of these woods, and were repulsed. Charging every time with fresh troops, they had captured four of our most exposed field-pieces, where horses, riders and gunners had fallen together, horribly mangled, half buried in the mud.

Drenched to the skin, with ammunition wet or expended, many officers killed—part of the Jersey Brigade, already long engaged, were obliged to fall back, and were relieved by the Excelsior Brigade, under Col. TAYLOR, who, supported by the remaining valid troops, of several regiments of the Division as a reserve, still obstinately maintained their ground.

The firing was now rapid and continuous as the roar of Niagara, yet our troops exhausted, with ammunition expended, stood with the bayonet to dispute the field. Then it was that the gallant Col. DWIGHT of the Seventieth New-York, (First Excelsiors,) fell wounded with nearly one-third of his regiment.

Gen. HEINTZELMAN had already dispatched officer after officer, to hasten forward Gen. KEARNEY'S Division, who hearing the heavy firing, was making every effort through the deep miry mud to reach the front. The men threw aside their knapsacks and hurried on.

It was nearly 3 P. M., when three regiments of Gen. BERRY'S Brigade, (Second and Fifth Michigan, and Thirty-seventh New-York Volunteers,) passing every thing on the road, troops, trains and artillery, came up and at once, with loud cheers, rushed into action barely in time to turn the tide of battle, and to secure the day.

The Fifth Michigan drove back the enemy with the bayonet, and in one rifle-pit alone, left dead 143 of the foe, and here this brigade fought until dark, and passed the night lighting their fires amidst the enemy's dead.

At 4 P. M., the Thirty-eighth New-York, (Col. WARD,) and the Fortieth New-York, (Col. RILEY,) of Gen. BERRY'S Brigade, also having thrown aside everything but their arms, arrived at the front, and with tremendous hurrahs dashed in. Col. WARD charging the enemy's rifle-pits, and fought with unsurpassed bravery until dark, when all firing ceased.

The rain still continued to fall; the wounded were still being carried on stretchers over a mile to the rear, hardly an ambulance having been able to come up. All slept on their arms; Gens. HEINTZELMAN, HOOKER and KEARNEY, lay in the swamp, as well as their troops, without a morsel of food.

A few words now of what occurred during the day on other parts of the line.

At about 3 P. M. Gen. PECK, of GOVER'S Division, Keyes' Corps, had established his brigade at some distance to the right of Gen. HOOKER, and succeeded in maintaining his position at the front, with slight loss, until the end of the day, when he was reinforced by Gens. DAVIS and KEYES, with five regiments.

On our extreme right Gen. HANCOCK'S command (SMITH'S Division) had distinguished itself, late in the afternoon, by a dashing and effective charge on some works of the enemy, taking several hundred prisoners also, with but slight loss on our side.

On our extreme left Gen. STONEMAN, with Col. AVERILL'S Cavalry and one battery, had made a reconnoissance, and reported to Gen. HEINTZELMAN the road to Williamsburgh obstructed by a mill-dam. Having been reinforced by four regiments of infantry, Third and Fourth Maine, Third Michigan, and Sixty-third Pennsylvania Volunteers, about 4 P. M. he still considered his force too weak and the hour too late, it becoming early dark, to attempt an offensive movement on his front, which, could it have been undertaken and carried out with success, would have flanked the enemy and cut off his retreat.

During the night the enemy abandoned their works, wounded, and some of their guns, and early the next morning Gen. JAMESON'S Brigade moved into Williamsburgh with Gen. McCLELLAN, who had arrived at our right wing late the day before.

Thus Gen. HEINTZELMAN'S Corps, which had done almost all the work of investing Yorktown, had changed from the right to the left wing of the army, just in time to bear the brunt of the battle of Williamsburgh.

Gen. HOOKER'S Division maintained the contest with consummate bravery, and against immense odds, from 7½ A. M. to 3 P. M., and some regiments remaining under fire until dark. His loss amounted to about 1,000.

The half of Gen. KEARNEY'S Division (total loss, 475) which was in action displayed, as well as both Division Commanders, a gallantry that brought the day to a successful close, and enabled all the regiments engaged to inscribe, with feelings of pride, on their banners the name of "Williamsburgh."

L. E.

THE FIGHT AT WEST POINT.

***An Interesting Personal Narrative—More* Testimony to the Barbarity of the Rebel Troops.**

The following private letter from an officer in our army to his father, was not intended for publication, but it is written with so much spirit, and records incidents so striking in their nature, that it cannot fail to be read with interest:

SOUTH SIDE OF PAMUNKEY RIVER,
OPPOSITE WEST POINT, VA.,
Thursday, May 8, 1862.

MY DEAR FATHER—By the time you receive this, the Press will have furnished you with a description of the battle of West Point, fought yesterday by us, and also of my wonderful and miraculous escapes throughout the day. Gen. FRANKLIN'S Division left Yorktown on Monday, and landed some night upon the south side of Pamunkey River, opposite West Point, in presence of the pickets of the enemy. Sharp firing commenced immediately after our landing, and our brigade was therefore kept under arms and in line of battle all night. On the following morning (yesterday) it became evident that the retreating columns from Yorktown would attack our division here, with the hope of beating us off before the arrival of our reinforcements.

At 7 o'clock, I was sent out by Gens. FRANKLIN and NEWTON to make a reconnoissance of the ground around *us in an engineering view, so that we might establish* the point of their attack. I took a company with me, and after going about two and a half miles, I observed a large body of rebels ahead of us in the woods, awaiting our arrival. I ordered my men to deploy into the woods as skirmishers, and then received a volley of musketry from them, which I returned, and then finding they were surrounding me, I fell back gradually until I reached the reserve, always keeping one platoon in the woods as skirmishers, to prevent an ambush. Hastening back then to join the brigade as rapidly as possible, as the enemy was preparing to attack us in numbers, I took my position with Gen. NEWTON, who had drawn up the brigade for action about half a mile behind where I was, or just outside the woods. The action commenced at 9 o'clock A. M., the enemy being posted in thick woods, and we endeavoring by maneuvers to draw them out, and was maintained with great spirit and incessant firing until 4 o'clock P. M., when we succeeded in driving them from their position and in occupying the ground lately occupied by rebel hordes. The artillery worked beautifully, doing great execution.

My own escape is wonderful, and, indeed, almost miraculous, and I forget not to thank God for his watchfulness over me. It was about 1 o'clock P. M., when I received an order from Gen. NEWTON to go forward into the woods to ascertain whether the rebels were falling back, and whether a certain regiment of ours held its position there. I went forward at once as fast as my well-tried horse could carry me, and upon entering the woods moved cautiously until I reached a barricade, when hearing voices beside me I plunged into the woods, thinking, of course, it was one of our regiments—Thirty-first New-York—and was surprised to find that I had gone right into a perfect nest of the Hampton Legion, from South Carolina, who were lying behind trees, standing behind bushes, and kneeling behind stumps like bees. I at once perceived my mistake, and knew that nothing but the most consummate coolness would save me. I therefore saluted them, and they taking me for a rebel officer, asked me how far Gen. HAMPTON was then. I answered without hesitation, and with rather more assurance than I thought I possessed, "I left him about ten rods below here," and added, "Now, boys, the General expects you to do your duty to-day." I then turned my horse slowly to lull suspicion, and was congratulating myself on the probable success of my *ruse*, when seeing the U. S. on my cap, they yelled out "that's a d—n Yankee son of a b—, give him h—l!" On hearing this, I dashed the spurs into my horse, threw my head over his neck, and made for the road. A perfect volley of Minié balls passed over and around me—killed my horse, who rolled over carrying me with him, and left me down. Knowing that nothing but apparently time would save me, I laid with my head back in a ditch, as I fell, and appeared *dead* for some ten minutes. I did not move a muscle or a feature, although the scoundrels were swarming around me, and threatening to "end me." I remained in this way until they came up to me, took away my pistol, and commenced general plundering, and as they lingered away I could not suppress a smile—and then rising, I said, "Well, men, I yield as a prisoner of war." They said, "You've been shamming, you d—n Yankee scoundrel, have you?" "Certainly," said I, "everything is fair in war." They then commenced to abuse me as a d—n Yankee this, and a d—n Yankee that, when I turned upon them, and said, "I have yielded as a prisoner of war, I demand to be used as such. We in the North, know how to treat dogs better than you do men; now lead me to your commanding officer." They gave me another volley of abuse, at which I merely smiled, and then a *shell*, fired by our artillery, to the place where I was seen to enter, burst like the wind amongst us—stunning my nose and scattering the rebel rascals like chaff. They seized their muskets, pointed two of them at me, and told me to "come along, you d—n Yankee!" I still talked with them to gain time, when another shell bursting amongst us, they moved on further, calling to me to "come on," while I said, "go ahead, lead the way, quick." I then saw a favorable moment, and preferring freedom to a Southern prison, I made one bound into the woods, and went back as fast as one leg would carry me. I felt very much exhausted, and was carried to the rear by some men and placed under a tree, when, with whisky and care, I soon felt stronger, a though my leg was stiff. They wished me to go in an ambulance to hospital, but I politely declined, and calling for an extra horse, I was lifted on his back, and returned to the field and reported to Gen. NEWTON for duty. He kindly told me that I had distinguished myself enough this day, and requested me to keep quiet.

Do you not think that this was a miraculous escape? My captors (Hampton Legion) were the most murderous-looking body of villians I ever beheld, and as for honor and mercy, they know not the first principles of such excellent virtues. They are lost to all sense of honor, and should be used as dogs. Our men were brought in *readily*—many fine officers killed—and several men killed with Minié balls and their throats cut from ear to ear! Savages themselves would blush at such barbarity. Gen. NEWTON conducted the engagement, Gen. FRANKLIN arriving at 12 M., on the field. It was a beautifully planned battle, and they expected to drive us into the river. We had twenty thousand men against us, composed of Tennesseeans, Texan Volunteers, Louisiana Tigers, Virginians and Alabamians, beside the Hampton Legion. Our men fought like tigers, although they suffered severely. We are expecting to meet them again to-day, and will give them another chance at us. We are surrounded by them here, but we are bound to be in Richmond soon.

Believe me, ever, your affectionate Son,

JAMES E. MONTGOMERY.

EVACUATION OF PENSACOLA.

The Occupation by the National Forces.

Total Destruction of the Navy-yard by the Rebels.

OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTY DESTROYED.

SPECIAL COURIER, Sunday, March 23.

The Mobile *Advertiser and Register* contains the following special:

PENSACOLA, Saturday, May 10.

At 12 o'clock last night, the Pensacola Navy-yard and forts were set on fire and destroyed. When the enemy discovered what was going on, Fort Pickens opened a furious bombardment and kept it up during the conflagration, but without doing any damage to any one.

At Pensacola, all the public property, except the Custom-house, incapable of being burned, was burned, but all the moveable Confederate property has been saved. The railroad track leading out of the city toward Montgomery, was torn up this morning.

Federal vessels, with a flag of truce, came up to the city to-day, demanding the surrender. Mayor BELLAS refused to comply with the demand, and said that all the military forces had left, and he had no power to oppose. The Federal officer replied that they would occupy the city to-morrow, but that the inhabitants need not be alarmed.

A VISIT FROM JACOB THOMPSON.

Dispatch to the *Cincinnati Gazette*.

CAMP ON THE CORINTH ROAD, Thursday, May 15.

Hon. JACOB THOMPSON, former Representative of this Congressional District of Mississippi, and Secretary of the Interior under BUCHANAN, now Colonel on BEAUREGARD'S Staff, escorted by BRANNON'S Mounted guard of New-Orleans Creole Cavalry, came up to our lines to turn over a lot of sixty-two prisoners, recently taken back of Fort Harrison. They returned home under parole not to bear arms till regularly exchanged.

Notes passed between BEAUREGARD and HALLECK, substantially agreeing upon this mode of proceeding. During an interview, Col. THOMPSON informed our Surgeon, TUBBS, of Columbus, recently captured from Pope's wing, had been sent to Memphis, and from there up river, for exchange at Fort Pillow. Col. THOMPSON, and others of his party, admitted the fall of New-Orleans, Pensacola, and Norfolk, with loss of the *Merrimac*; but denied that we had Memphis, and were very confident in declaring that the world'd not get it. They were profuse in their regards for the war, but warmest Secessia and others, still Secessionists on our side, that the Abolition party was controlling this war, and that they would fail in accomplishing everything after the war is over.

The flag of truce had hardly returned when a reconnoissance in force was made from the right centre, driving in the pickets of the enemy, and advancing within a mile and a half of the enemy's fortified outlines. The skirmishers found some hundred armed camps of the enemy. The data deduced by the reconnoissance only go to show the report that the rebels will make no serious resistance outside their fortifications. Prisoners taken from the enemy's pickets know of the recent reverses, and manifested a great discouragement in their ranks.

They denied, however, our victory at Fort Pillow, giving exactly the reverse of our account. They declared there had been two of Farragut's gunboats destroyed, and the capture of Memphis, Nashville, &c. They say they have everything protected at Corinth, and much of their baggage shipped to some point in the interior of Mississippi, but deny that they mean to evacuate, or have evacuated.

Our pickets heard their cars running again all last night, on both the Mobile and Memphis roads.

DEPARTMENT OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK.

The Railroad Bridge at Fredericksburgh Completed—Behavior of the Rebel Pickets, &c.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times:

WASHINGTON, Sunday, May 18.

Your correspondent with Gen. McDOWELL'S army sends the following dispatch:

FREDERICKSBURGH, Sunday, May 18.

The sketch of evacuated stores and the burning of cars come as results to the disembarking Secessionists of the valley of the Rappahannock this morning. The railroad bridge across the river is now completed—the work of Yankee hands and steel Yankee will. If we thus continue to build the rebels better bridges than they have, I fear the work of destruction will be prosecuted as an economical measure.

Services were held in the various churches to-day, and the former prayer for the success of the Confederate cause was omitted. The uniforms of our cavalry officers glittered beside the rustling silk of pretty little rebels, and a Union sentiment may be set down as growing; but many of the belles yet refused to walk under the stars and stripes that hung over the walk, and step out into the mud to avoid the loyal shadow. Some of the Southern Rhodiants seemed ready enough to fraternize with our soldiers, caught by the variegated hues of Treasury notes, but this Gen. PATRICK discountenanced, and under his energetic administration the dress disguised by the presence of the rebel army are rapidly being broken up, and the transition is more favorable to fields. Our pickets have been drawn in, and the rebels have extended theirs to our vacated positions. They display great impudence, galloping down and firing at our men, but at too great a distance by any damage. They seem very anxious to capture a squad of our men, as they have lost a number in this way without any returned. Unfortunately they have no intention of making a stand at Fredericksburgh, but will retreat, as we advance, to a line continuous with the one now formed before Richmond. O. E. W.

THE MOUNTAIN DEPARTMENT.

A Fight at Princeton, in Mercer County, Va.—Humphrey Marshall Defeated by Gen. Cox.

HEADQUARTERS MOUNTAIN DEPARTMENT, FRANKLIN, Va., via Baltimore, May 17, 8 P. M.

Dispatches received this afternoon and evening, not official, but considered trustworthy at headquarters, announce that Princeton, the capital of Mercer County, Va., where Gen. COX'S advance was stationed, was attacked and captured yesterday by a rebel force under HUMPHREY MARSHALL. The morning the place was recaptured and the rebels defeated by Gen. COX. No particulars received. Some report that the enemy in front of us has been reinforced.

RUMORED EVACUATION OF WELDON.

BALTIMORE, Sunday, May 18.

The Old Point boat has arrived. No news.

A rumor is current that Weldon, N. C., has been evacuated by the rebels.

MAJ. HELVETI RELEASED BY MORGAN.

LOUISVILLE, Saturday, May 17.

Maj. HELVETI was released by MORGAN, at Sparta, Tenn., on Thursday, and is now at Nashville. Maj. HELVETI says MORGAN had 60 men with him when he left.

AFFAIRS IN FRANCE.

The Probable Fate of Intervention in Mexico—The Chance of Peace—M. Chevalier on Mexico—The Hospital of Milan, the Exposition—A Change in the School of Medicine.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Friday, May 2, 1862.

You will be naturally astonished to see in the Monitor, journals of this week, and especially in those of Paris and Brussels, a revival of the discussion on intervention in Mexican affairs. It is quite certain that Spain is our ally (remember, by this term I mean nothing in an absolute sense), and it may interest the reader to know how it was started. In the first place, I should tell you that for some time past our minister abroad, whether native or foreign, has been rather quiet in presence of the fact that the armies in Tennessee and in Virginia were only skirmishing, and that the Government at Washington was adopting active measures against Slavery—the great question which is the cause of the war, but which they say enters in no way into the quarrel. But the news of the taking of Island No. 10, and the repulse at Pittsburgh Landing, threw our minister into a sudden and violent wrath, which caused him to use sentiments calculated to bolster up their waning cause; and it so happened that just at this moment appeared several newspaper articles in England showing that the expectations of obtaining cotton from India were not going to be realized, and that the suffering in Lancashire was increasing to an alarming extent. These were followed by some articles in the semi-official papers of Paris, which owing to their style and mode of impression, a supposed origin, and which took such high ground for the South as to show to any careful reader that the writers had but their dupes, and were speaking for themselves and not for the Government, but which were generally so being more or less inspired by it. After this came the unexpected and unaccounted for visit of the Count de MONTY to London, and the equally unexpected visit of M. MAZZIRA to Paris, and we have the chain of circumstances which gave rise to the discussion in question. The Emperor's Judge, which, in its general direction, is strongly favorable to the cause of the Union, nevertheless published a positive statement in its Paris edition, to the effect that an understanding had arrived these weeks ago between the Governments of France and England on the subject of an intervention; that the Count de MONTY had been sent to Richmond on the business, and instructions had been given to make up to M. MAZZIRA that his visit to London was not for the purpose of discussing what were the demands and expectations of Lord DERBY, and that, if the negotiations were now broken off, it was because of the fall of Island No. 10 and the defeat of BEAUREGARD at Pittsburgh Landing—events which interfered with the combinations agreed upon. But I repeat that we are unable to find in official quarters here the slightest foundation for this statement, and all the circumstances, on the contrary, go to show that there is no foundation on the part of the French or English Governments to interfere.

In the latter, however, immediate to see leading political journals treat a subject charged with so many grave results for Europe, as well as for America, with so much levity as is indicated daily in the European, and especially the Paris Press. With this levity, this want of examination into the causes, the nature and bearing of the great struggle through which the United States are now passing, journalists are easily led astray by false lights and shallow indications, and thus the great majority of the reading public are led into the same mistake. A few *chefs de bureau*, who are near the Ministers, and who are known to be favorable to the cause of the South, are probably the cause of these periodical discussions on the opportunity of an intervention.

The day, one of the journals which had accepted the idea of the Independent Belge on the preparations for intervention, returns upon this first opinion, and suggests that probably France and England were only arranging for an offer of mediation between the belligerent parties; that it was for this that M. MERCIER was sent to Washington, and that the Emperor, who may be considered as the arbiter of Europe, is about to point out an intervention. France, we know, and to her honor be it said, is always looking about for an occasion to add to her moral supremacy by offers of mediation, and there is no country, where she would desire so much to make herself useful in this way as to America; but it argues, on the part of her statesmen, an ignorance to the gross of the true nature of the contest—ignorance so shocking as to be beyond belief. But when we look at the ignorance manifested by Lord JOHN RUSSELL and Mr. GLADSTONE, what are we to expect of French statesmen?

But on the subject of intervention, let it be here again repeated, that there is not one single reason why France should interfere, while there are twenty why she should not, and that she probably does not now, nor has ever for a moment seriously contemplated an intervention.

An article published by the eminent political economist, M. MICHEL CHEVALIER, on Mexico, in the pages of the *Revue des Deux Mondes*, has prompted here much attention and some sharp criticisms. Either M. CHEVALIER is a short-sighted politician or he has had his notions on American affairs terribly warped by his friend Mr. COWDIN. M. CHEVALIER declares that it is the object of the French Government to take and hold the City of Mexico till a stable monarchy can be established there, and so glorious a step in the grand march of civilization does he consider this, that he almost be glad to see Spain and England retire and leave all the honor to France alone! And all this he thinks will turn to the interest of the Latin races in America, in whose cause France is combating. The facts of M. CHEVALIER's arguments are the following: 1. That among civilized nations Mexico holds no rank and is worthless politically; 2. That the country contains numerous veins of silver, which have several times in depth; 3. That the Mexicans are a part of the Latin race, and that all this race, of which Italy, Spain, Portugal and Spanish America form a part, looks on to France. It is so easy to show the absurdity of these pretensions, or rather pretexts—for that is their real name—that every reader will readily do it for himself. But further on M. CHEVALIER declares that the French are going to Mexico because the Constituents of the Slave States of America wish to extend indefinitely in the direction of Mexico their slave territory, in order to counterbalance the North!" With arguments of such value as these, M. CHEVALIER rather breaks down the cause he is trying to bolster, for one would naturally suppose that at the present moment Mexico is not seriously menaced by our secession friends.

The acquittal of M. MIRAS, by the High Court of Justice, has given more general satisfaction than was anticipated. At the Palace of Justice, and in governmental circles, it is said the judgment of the Court of Justice is severely criticised; but the public confirms the judgment, and the moment M. MIRAS again commences operations, he will find his bureaux more crowded than ever with people anxious to trust their savings to his talent and judgment. The losses sustained by the stockholders in M. MIRAS' former speculations amount to about fifty millions of francs, and this sum he has promised to repay, if he has to sacrifice the whole life to it. If the Government throws no obstructions in his way, he will, no doubt, realize this epoch in a very few years.

An important change, a diminutive *coup d'état* indeed, has just taken place at the School of Medicine of Paris. The Baron PAUL DUBOIS, *accoucheur* to her Majesty, who has been Dean of the Faculty for many years, has been unexpectedly asked to demand his pension, and M. RAYER, Physician to His Majesty, has been named Dean in his place. It has been felt for some years that the Faculty of Paris, notwithstanding it contained more renowned men than at any one period in its history, lacked initiative, and that more progress was being made in other countries than in France. A part of the blame for this state of things was thrown upon M. DUBOIS, who, although a man of the highest rank in the profession, was taxed with indifference. M. RAYER, on the contrary, unites to great talent as an organizer a thorough spirit of progress, and the change has in this sense given the greatest satisfaction to the whole profession of the country. At the same time, the Government created two new Chairs in the Faculty, which had long been demanded as wanting for the perfection of this body—a Chair of Comparative Medicine and a Chair of Histology. The first will treat of the resemblance between disease, especially between those peculiar to man and animals, such as cancer, tubercles, glanders, malignant pustule, milk sickness, etc., and also of the toxicological or therapeutical effects of medicinal substances upon animals. The Chair of Histology will treat of the history of organic tissues, living and dead; in other words, of the elementary structures of the body, in health, disease and death. The Chair of Comparative Medicine is confided to the new Dean of the Faculty, M. RAYER, who is eminently fitted for it, and that of Histology to Dr. CHARLES ROBIN, the famous micrograph.

MALAKOFF.

FROM GEN. M'DOWELL'S ARMY.

An Alarm and Almost a Battle—Capture of Prisoners and Their Story—The Mounting in Mac Haste of Cavalry Companies—Advance of the Twentieth New-York Regiment—Picket Skirmishes—Narrow Escape of Gen. PATRICK—Exploits of a Correspondent, &c., &c.

From our own Correspondent.

FALMOUTH, Sunday, May 11, 1862.

We have had quite an exciting day of it. I crossed over to Fredericksburgh this afternoon with the laudable intention of attending public worship. While passing Gen. PATRICK's headquarters an Adjutant of the Harris Light Cavalry came galloping up, his horse reeking with foam, and reported that our cavalry skirmishers while out on a reconnoissance on the Bowling Green road, had captured a whole infantry picket of the enemy's, twelve privates and one lieutenant, and were bringing them in, pursued by a large rebel force of infantry and cavalry. Gen. PATRICK immediately reported the information to the headquarters of the Department, and ordered out the Twentieth New-York Regiment to support the cavalry. I galloped over to the camp of Major DURYEE's Battalion of the Harris Light Cavalry, and found that the prisoners had been brought safely in. There were thirteen of them, belonging to the Thirteenth South Carolina Regiment, GANSO's Brigade. They were out on picket duty, and mistook our cavalry for their own until it was too late to attempt to escape or resist. The regiment was raised in Newberry District, S. C., and had but lately arrived in this vicinity, hence the mistake. They were poorly clothed, wearing a dark grey cloth, similar in color to the West Point Cadet uniform, but of inferior quality, with palmetto tree badges on their hats, but armed with Enfield rifles. Examining their cartridges I found them to contain balls of fearful size and weight, but a disproportionately small quantity of powder. In the knapsack of one of the prisoners was a letter, signed, sealed, prepaid with a Confederate postage stamp, and directed to Mr. W. RANKIN, Frog—something,—I have not time to spell out the address, and so send you the letter in full, that you may print it as a specimen of rebel orthography, and then send the paternal RANKIN a copy of the paper, that he may know his son didn't fail to write, though his letters missed the mail. You will observe that the Thirteenth Regiment S. C. V. are suffering severely with the "bol complaints," caused, the younger RANKIN thinks, by drinking "col water, and was note yous to lete." It is to be hoped that the regiment to which these members of the regiment will be subjected in Washington will regulate and improve the state of their "bols." This most complete letter-writer gratifies his parent with the intelligence that they have three Yankee prisoners in camp, and that he is going out on "pick" to-morrow, and "hops" to bring in a few more. This to-morrow of Mr. RANKIN's is as much of a sharper as was Horatio's, having, indeed, "staked his penny to take his ready cash." The man who went out after wool has been sadly shorn. But *revenge a nos rebels.*

The credit of the capture of these specimen South Carolinians belongs to Lieut. HARRY, who was in command of the skirmishers, and who, by the way, seems to be peculiarly fortunate in having the lines fall into rebel places. After the capture, Capt. COSTA, with his company, moved out forward to reconnoitre. Upon the right, Bowling Green Church is from the river a little more than a mile and a half from the river road and four miles from Fredericksburgh, they found a barricade built, behind which two squadrons of cavalry and a battalion of infantry were drawn up in platoons, ready to give an advancing foe a brisk reception. Not desiring to travel further in that direction, our cavalry came back to report. I was in their camp listening to all the foregoing particulars, when our pickets came galloping in like the wind.

"What's up, now?" shouts Major DURYEE. "The rebel cavalry are driving in our pickets," is the reply. Out rings an order from the Major's lips, and back comes the echo from the stentorian lungs of Capt. COSTA and Capt. NAYLOR, "MOUNT, MEN, MOUNT." The bugle sounded its cheery call, and such a vaulting into saddles and galloping of brown-bearded men across the fields as then ensued I wish your readers could once witness, for they would then know something of the wild, contagious excitement that sends squadrons to the bloody plain with the fierce light of battle in their eyes. I rode out with the returning pickets. Carabines advanced and sabres loosed in scabbard, we cautiously feel our way along, for in these turning and twisting Virginian roads, skirted with thick hedges, you may at any moment blunder upon an ambushed foe. Halt here for a moment, for the road winds around the base of a hill and only the hill itself knows what lies beyond. Nor did we halt a moment too soon. With the dash and rattle of a train of swift passenger cars some twenty-five or thirty rebel cavalry come whirling around the curve, and now my five brown-bearded friends of the Harris Light, one volley from your carabiner, then turn your horses' heads and dig deep the rowels of your spurs in their sides, for they ride well that follow, these Virginians, and their steeds are the best blooded of the State. A chase of a half mile and the rebels wheel, for the dust of our advancing battalions goes smoking up, and now we are the pursuers. Provokingly the rebel squadrons draw up on the brow of an opposite hill, just out of carbine range, *but we are not beyond the reach of the Minie muskets that some of them* carry, for a little curl of white smoke, a sharp, quick report, and a ball lands in a plowed field a rod or two on our right, scattering the dust and disturbing the nest of a little brown bird. Oh, for a small howitzer, to land a shell among the rascals in return. But cavalry men, as a general thing, do not carry siege guns mounted *en barbette* on their horses' backs. Now the bayonets of the Twentieth New-York Regiment gleam along the road in our rear, and infantry skirmishers come deploying through the fields. Evidently our friends on the opposite hill think it is time for them to look to their lines of communication to the rear, for they fall back slowly, our cavalry skirmishers following, so that the relative distances are unchanged, and still not more than 100 rods of sacred soil intervenes between Southern chivalry and Northern mud-sills. The plowed ground on our right offers an inviting elevation to those interested in knowing the position of the enemy, and over to it Gen. PATRICK rides with his Staff and body guard. One of the rebel horsemen dismounts and approaches the fence, a minute elapses, and then another thin blue wreath of smoke goes spirally curling upward, a ringing report, a delicate singing in the air like the humming of a large bee or a small humming bird, a dull thud, and down goes a horse immediately in Gen. PATRICK's rear, and up goes an oath from Capt. NAYLOR's lips, which I hope the recording angel will drop a tear upon and blot out as he writes it down, for one of the Captain's best men is dismounted, and his company was before short of horses. That the bullet missed the small of Gen. PATRICK's back by perhaps a foot and a half, and grazed the leg of the man that sat the horse before it entered the poor animal's heart, are trifles that no one thinks worthy of remark—Generals are plenty, and men can be had for money, but the price of a good horse in war times, as Solomon eagely remarks, is above rubies. "It was a good shot that, and well aimed," says the General. None dispute him, for the distance between the marksman and his target is something over a thousand yards. Death loves a shining mark, and the silver stars on the General's shoulders were a great temptation to the grim archer, or rather musketeer.

The rebels are distant only 1,000 yards, why not dash upon them, rout and capture them? Softly, my hedgehog would seem built expressly for such work, which had long been desired as wanting for the perfection of this body—a Chief of Cavalry to Washington, and Chief of Ethology. The first will look to the relations

From July 1 to April 28	$18,000,000
Add three weeks in April	2,247,000
Total since July 1	$17,167,000
Against same time, last	23,000,000

DIGEST OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE FOR THE WEEK.

Government Sports Export	$4,000,000
Price of 6 ⅌ cent. stock of U. S. of 1881	104¼@105¾@104¼
New-York Central	90 @90 @90
New-York and Erie	20½@40½@20½
Erie Preferred Shares	67 @68 @66½
Rock Island	84 @84 @83½
Michigan Guaranteed	30 @31½@30
Michigan Southern	58 @59 @58½
Michigan Central	60 @61
Toledo	43 @43½@43½
Illinois Central	71½@72½@71
Panama	130 @130½
Pacific Mail	109½@116 @115½ ex. d.
Missouri	52½@53½
Tennessee	60½@60
Hudson River	44 @44½@43½
Harlem Preferred	37 @38½
Cleveland and Pittsburgh	80 @82

The Stock dealings of the week were active, and speculation quite spirited on the rapid advance of the previous week. The extreme fluctuation in prices on United States Securities and most of the Railway Shares is about 1@1½ ⅌ cent., the ultimate quotations on Saturday varying but slightly from the close of the week before. The case was different on Pacific Mail, Michigan Southern, City Bank Stocks and Railway Bonds, nearly all which had a further considerable rise and closed in demand. The fresh improvement in Pacific carried the price higher than it was ever before known, being equal, with the dividend just declared, to 121 ⅌ cent. The advance in Michigan Southern Shares of both classes was also to higher figures than we have registered for a year or two, while the Mortgages of this Company reached par for the original first issue, 90@99 for the General Sinking Fund Mortgage, and 63½ for the Second Mortgage. Many of the other Western Mortgages, and also the lower Mortgages of the Erie Company, rapidly improved and are in ready demand. The general market on Saturday was firm through the forenoon, and steady at the Second Board, but left off a fraction lower on the Railways late in the afternoon, New-York Central, as the standard of the list, being 89 ⅌ cent. bid, cash, or seller 30 days.

The following were the last bids for the City Bank Shares:

New-York	100¾	Bank of North Amer.	100
Merchants'	103	Hanover	75
Union	100	Irving	70
America	107	Pacific	80
Phenix	103¼	East River	98
North River	80	Market	90
Greenwich	225	Nassau	95
Butchers & Drovers'	116	Shoe and Leather	90
Mechanics' Bank	91	St. Nicholas	90
Seventh Ward	120	Marine	102
State of New-York	92	Atlantic	65
Commerce	99¾	Park	106
Ocean	85	Manuf's and Merch's	87
Mercantile	94	Mechanics', Brook'n	120

And the following for the Railway Mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. sixes	86¼	M. So. & N. In. s. f.	82¾
N. Y. Cen. sevens, '76	98	Ill. Cen. 1'76, '78	89
N. Y. Cen. sevens, '76	107	T. H. & Alt. firsts	107½
N. Y. Cen. 7s, conv.	107	T. H. & Alt. seconds	80½
Erie firsts, '82	106	Chi. & N. W. s. f.	85½
Erie seconds '76	104	Chi. & N. W. firsts	86
Erie thirds, '83	97½	Chi. & N. W. first ass.	45
Erie fourths, '80	85½	Chi. & N. W. seconds	34¾
Erie fifths, '84	78	Pac. R. Mo. Bonds '88	90
Hudson firsts, '84	107½	Lack. & W. Bonds	100
Hudson seconds, s. f. '95	104	Del., Lack. & W. firsts	104
Hudson thirds, '75	90½	Del., Lack. & W. sec'ds	100½
Hudson convert., '91	81	Tol. & Wabash firsts	80
Harlem firsts, '99-'02	142½	Tol. & Wabash 2d	36¾
Harlem seconds, '64	99½	Tol. & Wabash Int. Bds.	70
Harlem sixths, '87	93	Mil. & P. du C. firsts	90
Mich. Cen. s'k'g, '68-'72	104	Gal. & Chicago firsts	105
Mich. Cen. s. f. '80 c. '82	105	Gal. & Chi. seconds	89½
Chi., B. & Q.	104	Chi. & Rk. I. firsts	104
M. So. 7 ⅌ c. seconds	63½	Clev. & Toledo s. f.	95
N. Ind. firsts	100½	N. Jer. Cen. firsts	105
N. Ind. Gosben Line	100	N. Jer. Cen. seconds	103

The following is a statement of Saturday's business at the office of the Assistant Treasurer: Receipts, $641,024 30, including $196,000 for Customs; payments, $1,621,006 92; balance, $16,126,703 46.

— By the *Great Eastern* we have the following London quotations, to May 6, of American Stocks:

Am. from Railways, &c.	Closing Prices.	Business.
Maryland 6 ⅌ cent.	78 @ 83	
United States 6 ⅌ cent., red. 1876	75 @ 77	
Virginia State 6 ⅌ cent.	51 @ 52	51¾
Atlantic & Gt. Western, N. Y. sec., 1st Mortgage, 1863 7 p. c.	86 @ 88	
Erie shares, $100 (all paid)	23 @ 24	23¾
Do. 1st mort. Preferred	53¾@ 54¾	54
Do. Assessment Scrip	1¾@ 2	1¾
Do. 1st Mtg. 7 ⅌ cent., 1897	90 @ 92	
Do. 2d Mtg. 7 ⅌ cent., 1859	55 @ 60	
Do. 2d M. 7 ⅌ cent., 1869	60 @ 61	
Do. 4th M. 7 ⅌ cent.	70 @ 72	
Do. 5th M. 7 ⅌ cent.	72 @ 75	
Illinois Cen. 6 ⅌ cent., red. 1875	75 @ 78	
Do. 7 ⅌ cent., red. 1875	77 @ 78	78
Do. $100 shares, $20 paid	42½@ 45½	45½ div.
Do. $100 shares, all paid	51 @ 53	51½ ⅌
Mich. Cen., Con. 1869, 6 ⅌ c.	63 @ 66	
Do. 8 ⅌ c. s. f. 1st M. '82	68 @ 70	
Mich. S. & N. Ind. 2 ⅌ c. '82	70 @ 78	
Do. $100 shares	19 @ 21	
New-York Central 6 ⅌ cent. s. f. 1883	81 @ 82	
Do. 7 ⅌ cent., 1864	92 @ 92	
Do. 7 ⅌ cent. s. f., 1876	88 @ 92	
Do. 8 ⅌ cent. s. f. 1st M. '83	98 @ 102	
Do. $100 shares	72 @ 73	
Panama Railroad 1st Mortgage 7 ⅌ cent., 1905	100 @102	
Do. 2d Mortgage 7 ⅌ cent., '72	95 @101	
Pennsylvania Central Bds., 1st m. 6 ⅌ cent.	85 @ 86	86
Do. 2d M. 6 ⅌ cent.	34 @ 36	
Do. 300 shares	41 @ 42	
Philadelphia & Reading $50 shs.	18 @ 22	

The London *Times* of May 6, says of the new Russian Loan:

"The full success of the Russian loan was announced this morning, and it appears that the applications have exceeded by one-third the amount to be allotted. The total subscribed in London is larger than was stated on Saturday, the exact sum being £9,670,000. At Paris the list has reached £4,000,000, at Frankfort and Berlin £4,500,000, and at Amsterdam £1,500,000, and there are minor returns to be received from other places. This result is especially remarkable when it is borne in mind that the time allowed for the announcement was most inopportune, owing to the arrangements which were just taking place in connection with the Moorish, Turkish and Egyptian loans, that the deposit required was 10 ⅌ cent., and that the affair was virtually completed in three days. The opening price this morning was par to ¼ premium, but there was soon an advance, and considerable purchases were afterwards effected at ¼ to ⅜ premium, which was the closing quotation.

The English funds opened this morning, and were subsequently strong, at an advance of an ⅛. The first price of Consols for money was 93⅝ to ¾, and the last 93⅞ to 94. For the 10th of June the final bargains were at 94 to ⅞."

This new Loan for Russia amounts to fifteen millions sterling, or $75,000,000. The subscriptions in London amount to $23,350,000 at the rate of 95 ⅌ cent. for a 5 ⅌ cent. 20-year Stock. The purpose of the Emperor ALEXANDER is, with the proceeds of the loan, to improve the paper currency of his Imperial State Bank, which amounts to the equivalent of $475,000,000 on a specie basis of only $75,000,000. This redundant currency has been ruling at a difference of 15 or 20 ⅌ cent. in exchange for specie—a fact which seems never to have prejudiced the public credit of the Empire in the very fastidious market of London, in peace or war. The proceeds of the present loan, if strictly applied to the redemption of the paper currency, would leave about $400,000,000 in circulation on a specie basis of less than 20 ⅌ cent. The foreign public debt alone of the Empire is the equivalent of $550,000,000. Why, under such a showing of Government irredeemable paper and credit in Russia, our London cotemporaries should find so much to dread and warn their capitalists against in this country, with a paper circulation, all told, of less than $300,000,000, and only one-third in Government paper worth in Gold 97 ⅌ cent. in place of 80 or 85 ⅌ cent. in Russia, it would be difficult to say. This Government, in its seventy years' history, has twice paid off its entire debt, and never defaulted for a day in its interest. No more can be said for the Government of Russia, if so much.

The business of the Michigan Southern road in May is thus far 20 or 25 ⅌ cent. ahead of last season. The earnings of the first twelve days are reported to be $96,000, or about $20,500 ahead of the corresponding time last May. The earnings of the Cleveland and Toledo road are $2,000 ahead of last year, the second week in May. The Toledo and Wabash $7,500 ahead the first week in the month.

The Selected Shooter.

To the Editor of The New-York Times:

How is it that New-York cannot be as well lighted as Philadelphia and other cities? Our citizens pay hugely enough for it, to all conscience. Gas Companies are under contract to furnish three feet of gas. For many years our citizens have been paying for three feet, and receiving the benefit of, probably, not more than two feet. We pay for light and ought to have it. A few facts and figures upon this subject would probably do good about this time. It is understood they can be furnished without much trouble.

NEW-YORK, Wednesday, May 14, 1862. MORE LIGHT.

Court Calendar—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.—Non-enumerated motions—No. 7, 46, 48, 50 to 77, and 14, and 93 enumerated.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.—Nos. 202, 195, 152, 199, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.—Part I.—Nos. 148, 216, 1806, 1809, 2102, 2122, 2176, 172, 222, 1797, 2002, 2111, 2196, 558, 1672, 2069, 2091, 2101, 2165, 2169.

SUPREME COURT—TRIAL TERM.—Part I.—Nos. 2040, 2047, 117, 775, 2093, 2071, 1223, 1767, 537. Part II.—Nos. 2406, 1282, 1745, 1822, 2016, 1054, 204, 1248, 1064, 1044, 2770, 676. Part III.—Nos. 979, 1231, 1073, 1621, 1042, 2007, 748, 622, 807, 2018, 2017, 1681. Part IV.—Nos. 1828, 1645, 1226, 1026, 486, 2154, 2156, 2158, 2166, 2162, 2164, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2172.

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM.—Part I.—Nos. 718, 1061, 1003, 1128, 1080, 1097, 455, 1090, 1126, 1104, 1109, 1126, 1000, 1022, 1024, 1145. Part II.—Nos. 647, 823, 428, 438, 404, 1814, 801, 879, 695, 1047, 880, 873, 878, 746, 77.

Movements of European Steamers.

FROM EUROPE.

Bremen	Southampton	New-York	May	7
City of Baltimore	Liverpool	New-York	May	7
Anglo-Saxon	Liverpool	Quebec	May	8
Scotia	Liverpool	New-York	May	10
New-York	Southampton	New-York	May	14
Kangaroo	Liverpool	New-York	May	14
Europa	Liverpool	Boston	May	17
Canada	Southampton	New-York	May	21
Persia	Liverpool	New-York	May	24
Africa	Liverpool	Boston	May	31
Bavaria	Southampton	New-York	June	4
China	Liverpool	New-York	June	7
Bremen	Southampton	New-York	June	11
Bremen	Southampton	New-York	June	21
Hansa	Southampton	New-York	June	28
Bremen	Southampton	New-York	July	26
Bremen	Southampton	New-York	Aug.	6

FROM AMERICA.

Australasian	New-York	Liverpool	May	21
Jura	Quebec	Liverpool	May	24
Edinburgh	New-York	Liverpool	May	28
Hansa	New-York	Southampton	May	24
Niagara	Boston	Liverpool	May	31
Great Eastern	New-York	Liverpool	May	31
City of Baltimore	New-York	Liverpool	May	31
Scotia	New-York	Liverpool	June	4
New-York	New-York	Southampton	June	7
Europa	New-York	Liverpool	June	11
Persia	New-York	Liverpool	June	18
Bremen	New-York	Southampton	June	21
Africa	Boston	Liverpool	June	25
China	New-York	Liverpool	July	2

Mails Close at the Post-Office.

North Mail closes at ..... 8 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.
South Mails close at ..... 6 A. M. and 4:30 and 10½ P. M.
Western Mails (and Rate Railroad), 8 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.
Eastern Mails close at 8 A. M., 2 P. M., 4 P. M. and 6:30 P. M.
Mails for California, Oregon, Washington and the Sandwich Islands close daily at the New-York Post-office at 6½ A. M. and 2½ P. M.
On Sunday all Mails close at 1:30 P. M.

REMOVALS.

AMERICAN BANK-NOTE COMPANY,
New-York, May 5, 1862.

THE OFFICES OF THE AMERICAN BANK-NOTE COMPANY have been removed to the second story of the Merchants' Exchange Building, directly over their former offices. The entrance is through the main portico of the building, on Wall-st.

EXCHANGE FIRE INSURANCE CO., REMOVED TO NO. 170 BROADWAY, Southeast corner of Maiden-lane. INSURE AGAINST LOSS OR DAMAGE BY FIRE. Also, against loss by Inland Navigation and Transportation. JAMES VAN NORDEN, President. H. C. COMSTOCK, Secretary.

NOTICE.—THE AGENCY FOR THE SALE OF goods manufactured by THE UNION INDIA-RUBBER COMPANY will be removed, on the first of May next, from No. 160 LIBERTY-ST. to No. 12 Park place. HY. C. HADDEN, President.

THE OFFICE OF THE MERCANTILE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY is removed from No. 63 Wall-st. to No. 166 Broadway, Parmly's Buildings, corner Broadway and Maiden-lane. JOHN BAKER, Secretary.

WILLIAM C. GREENE, LATE OF CHAMBERS-ST., would respectfully inform his friends and the public generally, that he has removed to No. 43 Walker-st., near Broadway, N. Y.

G. GUIDICINI, ARTIST, REMOVED TO No. 165 East 60th-st. Orders and communications left at T. Y. Green's drug-store, Broadway, corner 14th-st.

REMOVAL NOTICE.—WM. T. COLEMAN & CO., have this day removed to Nos. 70 Wall-st. and 161 Pearl-st.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

DENTIST PROPERTY FOR SALE—IMPLEments, tools and furniture, including (if agreeable to both parties) rent of a portion of the premises, to be occupied by the purchaser, as the successor of JOSEPH WOODBRIDGE, Dentist, No. 124 Hicks-st., Brooklyn; also, horse, harness, carriage, saddle, bridle and robe; inquire at the premises, or No. 12 Wall-st., in Brooklyn Insurance Company office, for J. E. WOODBRIDGE, Administrator.

LUMBER-YARD FOR SALE.—THE STOCK, fixtures, good-will and real estate of a well-established lumber-yard, doing a good business, for sale on easy terms; or, the yard would be leased, if preferred; a rare chance for any one desirous of engaging in a paying business. Apply personally or by letter, to the subscriber, on the premises, foot of 136th-st. and North River, Manhattanville, N. Y. W. DUNNING.

WANTED, IMMEDIATELY—AGENTS TO sell Lloyd's War-Maps, and the best paying book out containing 20 portraits and biographies of the heroes of the present war. Price of each 25 cents. Agents can make $5 per day. Send $1 for samples of both. Address B. R. RUSSELL, New-York Post-office.

LADIES OF GOOD BUSINESS TACT AND address are wanted, for a permanent, respectable and remunerative position, occupying (in calls and conversation) from three to six hours daily. Please answer, giving full address and reference, PHILANTHROPY, Box No. 1,336 New-York Post-office.

$200,000.—WANTED—A SPECIAL OR general partner, with $100,000 or $200,000 in a well-established Dry Goods Commission House. For particulars address Messrs. W. B. SCOTT & CO., Bankers, No. 111 Broadway.

$4,000 WANTED ON BOND AND MORTGAGE, on property in Westchester County, on Hudson River, worth $13,000, assessed at $9,000, and renting for $1,000. Interest on bond payable here. Address Box No. 3,605, Post-office.

FOR SALE—THE SIGNS, FIXTURES AND FURniture, and business of an established Intelligence Office. Apply at No. 349 3d-av., between 26th and 27th sts., from 8 A. M. till 4 P. M.

IRON FOUNDRY, 100 BY 38 FEET, TO LET 1st No. 29 Grand-st., Brooklyn; engine, cupola, sand and everything complete for molding; rent low. Inquire of O. NEWCOMB, No. 21 East Broadway, before 11 A. M.

PRINTING MATERIALS.

NEW-YORK TYPE FOUNDRY, (ESTABLISHED, 1823,) REMOVED FROM NO. 29 SPRUCE-ST., TO NO. 22 BEEKMAN-ST., NEAR NASSAU.

PRINTERS ARE INVITED TO CALL ON the subscriber, where they can be supplied with EVERY STYLE of PRINTING TYPES, made from UNRIVALED HARD METAL, and finished in the most accurate manner, with Presses and every article they require, at the LOWEST PRICE for cash or approved paper. ELECTROTYPING and STEREOTYPING; Second-hand Presses and materials bought and sold. Type copperfaced to order by the Newton Company. Old type taken in exchange for new at 10 cents per pound. PETER C. CORTELYOU.

FURNITURE.

ENAMELED CHAMBER SUITES OF FURniture, in all colors and styles, at wholesale and retail; the largest stock in the City; suites $30 and upwards; also, solid walnut suites, mattresses, palliasses, &c. WARREN WARD, No. 277 Canal-st., four doors east of Broadway.

FIRST-CLASS ENAMELED FURNITURE.—Plain, decorated and grained solid walnut and oak sets. Suites at $30 and upward. Mattresses, spring beds, &c. J. W. FISHER & CO., Manufacturers. No. 660 Broadway, between Bleecker and Bond sts.

STATIONERY.

THE BEST AND CHEAPEST INK.

AMERICAN UNION INK, jet black, flows freely, and does not corrode. Sold at No. 5 Ludlow-st., and at the stationers generally. JESSE G. KEYS.

COAL, &c.

THOS. J. POPE, NO. 92 JOHN-ST., N. Y.—Anthracite and charcoal pig and bar iron, direct from furnaces and mills; ingot and old copper, antimony, spelter, tin, lead, &c.; railroad irons, old and new; cut nails.

NOW READY—THE AMERICAN PARLOR OR FLOOR SKATE.—A great improvement, being much lighter and more durable than any roller skate yet offered. The rollers are solid, and made from patent vulcanized rubber, which will not peel or break off when in use. The axles are of steel, and so constructed as to prevent all friction. The strapping is well secured, and easily adjusted to the foot, with comfort to the wearer. Any person using them can learn to skate without difficulty, and old skaters can perform the same evolutions with them as with ice skates. For sale by the hardware trade generally. FREDERICK SLEYENS, Manufacturer, No. 218 Pearl-st., New-York, and No. 45 Kilby-st., Boston.

AUCTION SALES.

EDWARD SCHENCK, Auctioneer.
ASSIGNEE'S SALE OF SUPERB CABINET FURNITURE.

By EDWARD SCHENCK, on TUESDAY, 20th inst., at 10½ o'clock, at his NEW SALESROOMS, No. 128 BROADWAY.

Part of the elegant stock of one of our most celebrated cabinet makers, being by far the finest furniture ever offered at auction, consisting in part of very richly-carved rosewood and black walnut bedsteads, &c., &c. bureaus, with French plates, elegant secretary and library bookcases of the newest and richest designs, library and dining suites of the best upholstery, reclining chairs in morocco, library tables, hall furniture, card tables and a few elegant furniture. These in want of really elegant furniture are invited to examine the above, which is on exhibition at the salesroom, until TUESDAY, 20th inst., when it will be POSITIVELY SOLD, without the least reserve. EUGENE FAURE, Assignee.

JOSEPH HEDMAN, Auctioneer.

TUESDAY, MAY 20,

At 10 o'clock A. M., on the premises, corner of *Willoughby and Pearl sts., Brooklyn.*

A large and general assortment of parlor, chamber and kitchen furniture.

ALSO,

At 1 o'clock P. M.,

Handsome rosewood 4-pull base pump, silver-plated, cost $120.

AT PRIVATE SALE—A splendid statuary marble fountain, cost $210; will be sold cheap.

R. W. WESCOTT, Auctioneer.

AUCTION NOTICE.

Over $12,000 worth of household furniture to be peremptorily sold at public auction, on THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at the elegant residence No. 154 West 21st-st., between 7th and 8th ave.

SALE COMMENCING AT 2 O'CLOCK PRECISELY. Comprising rosewood, mahogany, black walnut, parlor, chamber and oak dining-room furniture, brocatel suites, paintings, piano-forte, china, glass and silverware, table cutlery, Brussels, Wilton and ingrain carpets, bedding of every description, carpets, clock, sofa-beds, mirrors, &c. Sale positive, rain or shine. Catalogues at house.

M. B. CHAPMAN, Auctioneer.

AUCTION NOTICE.

Over $13,000 worth of household furniture to be peremptorily sold at public auction

On THIS DAY, (Monday,) May 19, at the private residence No. 70 West 38th-st., near 6th-av.,

Sale commencing at 10½ o'clock.

Consisting of rosewood, mahogany, black walnut parlor, chamber and oak dining-room furniture, paintings, china, glass, silverware, table-cutlery, Brussels, Wilton and ingrain carpets, bedding of every description, curtains, clocks, sofa-beds, mirrors, oil-cloths, basement and kitchen furniture.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer.

ELEGANT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE—REMOVED FOR CONVENIENCE OF SALE.—HENRY H. LEEDS & CO., will sell at auction, on MONDAY, May 19, at 10½ o'clock, at the salesroom, No. 50 Nassau-st., elegant household furniture, was made to order, regardless of expense, and removed to our store for convenience of sale, viz.: Superb Axminster and Brussels carpets, stair do., elegant carved rosewood suite, covered in green and gold figured brocatel; carved rosewood suite, in blue figured reps; oak library suite, in green reps; carved rosewood stationary marble-top centre-table, carved rosewood marble-top music stand, rosewood 64-octave piano, by Gilbert; do. by Gustav Dieudonne; ladies' rosewood secretary, with mirror; elegant French plate oval mirror, oak extension dining table, carved black walnut hall stand, with marble-top; elegant rosewood etagere, with mirror back; carved rosewood marble-top dressing bureaus; gilt frame pier and mantel glasses; carved rosewood marble-top console tables; several beautiful enameled cottage suites, with marble tops; oak marble-top sideboard, hair mattresses, 40 and 50 pounds; straw paillasses, feather beds, bolsters and pillows, wool blankets, comforters and coverlids, white china dinner sets, French clock. Also, a large assortment of china, glassware, kitchen furniture, &c., with which the sale will commence.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE DIAMOND JEWELRY.—HENRY H. LEEDS & CO. will sell at auction, on TUESDAY, May 20, at 11 o'clock, in our salesroom, No. 50 Nassau-st., Valuable Diamond Jewelry, being the balance of the stock of rich d'amond jewelry, &c., expressly imported for Broadway sales, consisting of diamond brooches, rings, bracelets, finest Duplex chronometers, levers, by Cooper, Breguet, Rockel, Levele, and other celebrated makers; neck, vest and fob chains, gold sterling silverware, carriage clocks, by Cooper, &c., &c.

Also, at 12 o'clock precisely, by order of Executors, about ten lots of fine diamonds, set, all of the finest description, without any reserve, to close the estate.

CHAMBERS & FAIRCHILD, Auctioneers.

PRINTING PRESSES, TYPE, BINDERS' TOOLS, &c.—GUSTAVUS BAYLIES will sell, at No. 20 Dey-st., on THURSDAY, May 22, at 10 o'clock, by CHAMBERS & FAIRCHILD,

10 printing presses, 2 cutting presses, chases and type, 100 chases, 100 fonts type, (all well assorted;) together with a large variety of printers' and bookbinders' tools; also, 2 superior power lathes, complete. Catalogues now ready, and property on view as above.

E. ROTH, Auctioneer.

AUCTION NOTICE.—E. ROTH WILL SELL, THIS DAY, (Monday,) May 19, at 10½ o'clock precisely, all the Elegant Household Furniture of the large private house No. 119 West 4th-st., between 5th and 6th ave.; consisting of elegant parlor, bedroom and dining-room furniture, cut-glass, China and silver ware, table cutlery, &c. Sale positive.

HENRY D. MINER, Auctioneer—Salesroom No. 57 Nassau-st., opposite the Post-office.

MINER & SCHERMERHORN WILL SELL, at auction, on MONDAY, May 19, at 12 o'clock, in front of our salesroom, No. 57 Nassau-st., a fine bay mare, about 8 years old, 16 hands high, sound and kind in single and double harness, free and stylish driver. Sold only as the owner has no use for her.

MUSICAL.

$150. BEST PIANO. $150.

GROVESTEEN & HALE, having removed to their new warerooms, No. 478 Broadway, are now prepared to offer the public a magnificent new scale full 7-octave rosewood piano-forte, containing all improvements known in this country or Europe, over-strung bass, French grand action, harp pedal, full iron frame, for $150 cash, warranted 5 or five years. Rich moulding cases, $175 to $200, all warranted made of the best seasoned material, and to stand better than any sold for $400 or $500 by the old methods of manufacture. We invite the best judges to examine and try these new instruments, and we stand ready at all times to test them with any others manufactured in this country.

GROVESTEEN & HALE, No. 478 Broadway, N. Y.

STEINWAY & SONS' GOLD MEDAL PATENT OVERSTRUNG GRAND AND SQUARE PIANOS have been awarded the first premium wherever and whenever exhibited in competition with the best makers of Boston, New-York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, and are now considered the best Pianos manufactured.

A written guarantee for five years given with each instrument.

Warerooms, Nos. 82 and 84 Walker-st., near Broadway.

GREAT BARGAINS IN NEW PIANOS AND MELODEONS.—Some very fine second-hand pianos, suitable for families or schools, in good order, and cheap—far more desirable than a cheap made new piano. Pianos and Melodeons to let. Pianos sold on installments. T. S. BERRY, No. 562 Broadway, between Prince and Houston sts.

A LARGE LOT OF NEW PIANOS TO BE sold at less than cost; 7-octave new pianos for $140; one 6½-octave rosewood for $85; Pianos to rent; sold on monthly installments; all new pianos warranted for three years, at the manufactory, No. 143 East 23d-st., near 3d-av.

PIANOS AND MELODEONS.—UPRIGHT cottage pianos, for small rooms and country residences, at $15, $50, $75, $100, $175, &c., for sale and to rent by T. H. CHAMBERS, Bible-house, 8th-st., corner of 4th-av.

PIANOS OF THE CELEBRATED MAKERS, J. & C. Fischer, with iron frame, solid bottom, patent damper, overstrung bass, wholesale and retail, at the manufactory and warerooms Nos. 241, 243, 245, 247 and 249 West 28th-st., near 9th-av.

A COUPLE OF EXCELLENT NEW 5-OCTAVE Melodeons, portable and piano style, for sale very low, for cash, or in installments, by ALBERT WEBER, No. 135 West Broadway, near Canal-st.

ORGAN FOR SALE CHEAP.—ORIGINAL cost, $600, about ten years since; it is in good order; has eight tops; H. Erben, maker. Apply to JNO. H. HEDLEY, No. 59 Nassau-st., New-York.

A SOPRANO SINGER WISHES TO OBtain a situation in a Presbyterian, Baptist, or Methodist Church, in this City. Can be seen from 12 M. till 3 o'clock P. M., at No. 41 West 35th-st.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

SOMETHING NEW.
SPRING STYLE
"COAL-BOX ROAD-WAGON,"
WITH CORRUGATED AXLES.
PARKER,
BREWSTER & BALDWIN
Have the exclusive right of the corrugated AXLE BOX

For the United States, and are using it upon all their carriages. It lubricates most perfectly and reduces friction causing a carriage to run much lighter.

Parties about to place orders for either Road Wagon or Park Carriages, are invited to examine our new styles.

FACTORY, No. 65 East 26th-st., or REPOSITORY, No. 786 Broadway, corner of 10th-st.

FOR SALE—A HANDSOME COUPE ROCKAway, nearly new. Price, $300. Apply to WILLIAM FLANDRAU, No. 139 Elizabeth-st.

SEWING MACHINES.

C. W. WILLIAMS & CO.'S,
(Formerly Williams & Orvis')
CELEBRATED DOUBLE THREAD
FAMILY SEWING MACHINES,

FROM $25 TO $50. These machines, celebrated throughout New-England and the West, are not surpassed by any others in the market, while they are FIFTEEN DOLLARS CHEAPER than the cheapest of any other responsible makers. Better machines for family use have never been made. They are simple, reliable and warranted. SALESROOM, No. 658 BROADWAY, UP STAIRS. N. B.—Circulars and samples of stitching sent to all applicants, and favorable inducements offered to agents.

SEWING MACHINES.—FINKLE & LYON sewing machines, new, for sale or to rent on monthly payments. Inquire of F. H. DIAMOND, 338 Broadway.

MARBLE WORKS.

MARBLE MANTELS, AT KLABER'S MARBLE YARDS—No. 64 1st-av., near 3d-st., and No. 113 East 13th-st., near 3d-av. Sold at astonishingly low prices to suit the times. Mantels put up in any part of the country.

TO LET.

OFFICES TO LET—IN THE TIMES' BUILDING—Fronting Park-row—suitable for lawyers' offices. Inquire in the Times' Counting-room.

TO LET—A THREE-STORY BRICK HOUSE ON 125th-st., 150 feet east of 6th-av., Harlem, having 13 rooms, lately occupied by Rev. Mr. Wakeley. Rent $270. Possession to open. Also a country residence, with three acres of ground, plenty of fruit and shade, on Rahway-av., a public thoroughfare, near Elizabeth, New-Jersey. House is two-story, 30x50, with 12 rooms. Rent $300. Fifteen or 18 trains a day from New-York. SYLVESTER LAY, Attorney at Law and Commissioner for all the States, 1 ⅌.

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BARNUM'S AMERICAN MUSEUM—Afternoon and Evening—Woman's Rights Convention.

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THE WONDERS OF THE WORLD—No. 538 Broadway.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

A dispatch from Gen. McCLELLAN to the War Department, dated 10½ o'clock P. M. of the 17th, states that a combined naval and army expedition had proceeded some twenty-five miles up the Pamunkey River, from White House, and forced the rebels to destroy two steamers and some heavy schooners. The expedition, Gen. McCLELLAN says, was admirably managed. The dispatch concludes with the announcement that the troops were improving, and that the army had advanced considerably on Saturday. An indication of how far it had advanced will be found in our dispatches. *It is now within fifteen miles of Richmond*—at Bottom Bridge, on the Chickahominy River, across which the rebels have now retreated. It is expected that our troops will experience considerable difficulty in crossing, as the country is low and swampy, and the enemy will probably do all in their power to prevent it.

A dispatch from Williamsburgh, authorized by Gen. McCLELLAN, and published in yesterday's TIMES, stated that the gunboats *Galena, Monitor, Naugatuck, Aroostook* and *Port Royal* had made an attack upon Fort Darling, seven miles below Richmond, and had been repulsed with considerable loss. A portion of the fleet, it was stated, had then proceeded up the James River, where, according to all reports, they had met with a warm reception at Jamestown Island. The details of the engagement have been received at the Navy Department, but messages later than the above indicate that the affair was not as serious than represented. The James River is stated to be now entirely clear to within eight miles of Richmond, where, on a high bluff is stationed a battery, and where the river is obstructed by sunken vessels, including, report says, the *York* and *Jamestown*, and by piles, chains, etc. The *Monitor* could not elevate her guns sufficiently to play upon this battery, and thus was hidden. The other vessels, however, engaged the battery at from 600 to 1,000 yards distance, for about four hours, when they withdrew, with fifteen killed and wounded.

A rumor has been brought to Baltimore by the Old Point boat that Weldon, N. C., has been evacuated by the rebels. This is probable—in fact, a necessary sequence to the evacuation of Norfolk and the occupation of Suffolk by our forces.

A dispatch from Fortress Monroe states that Gen. Wool will probably remove his headquarters to Norfolk. This may be the preparatory step to a movement down the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad to Weldon.

Dispatches from our correspondents with Gen. FREMONT's army announce that Princetown, in Mercer County, where Gen. Cox's advance was stationed, was attacked and captured, on Friday, by a rebel force under HUMPHREY MARSHALL. On Saturday morning, however, the place was recaptured by Gen. COX. No particulars of the affair are given.

We learn from the Memphis papers that Pensacola was evacuated by the rebels on the 12th. On the morning of that day the batteries of Santa Rosa Island, together with the fleet, commenced shelling the works, but no response was made. After a short but vigorous cannonade, a flag of truce was sent ashore to discover the cause. No enemy whatever was found. The National troops were to take possession the following day. No mention is made of the direction taken by the rebels.

The latest advices from Pittsburgh Landing state that Gen. POPE's Division has again advanced, and now occupies a position only three miles from Corinth. Reports of insubordination in the rebel army continue to reach us through deserters. A great deal of hard feeling is said to exist between the Missouri and Tennessee troops and those from the Southern States—the former saying that they have nothing to fight for, their States having been restored to the Union, and that there is no reason why they should be compelled to fight for the independence of the Cotton States. Refugees from Memphis also say that officers from Corinth, who are frequently in Memphis, complain bitterly of the loss to the Southern cause sustained by the delay of Gen. HALLECK in making an attack upon them. BEAUREGARD, they say, has been ready for a week. Every day that passes weakens him. He has received all the reinforcements that it is possible for him to receive, excepting raw levies, while sickness rages throughout his camp to an alarming extent. BEAUREGARD has placed an imperative embargo on letter writing from his camp. No soldier is permitted to send any written communication to his friends. The whole country, for one hundred miles below Corinth, has been swept to obtain supplies for the rebel army, and is now nearly exhausted. Serious embarrassments from this cause are anticipated.

A report reaches us from Gen. HALLECK's army that BEAUREGARD has sent in a flag of truce asking an armistice of ten days. There is little likelihood that the report is true. Such a request could not, of course, be granted, and so shrewd a commander as BEAUREGARD would hardly give such an indication of weakness, unless it was to gain a temporary advantage. It may be possible that in his anxiety to gain the determination of affairs at Richmond he is resorting upon his course.

A day or two after the naval engagement off Fort Pillow, the rebels perpetrated a practical joke which deserves mention for its impudence. They sent a flag of truce to Capt. DAVIS desiring to know on what terms he would surrender. Our gunboats are now protected from the rebel rams by cedar rafts.

The Chicago *Journal* states that the steam rams which have for some time been in course of construction, at Louisville and other points on the Ohio River, are at last completed, and on their way to their destination. It adds: "It is needless to attempt to disguise the fact that the recent engagement between our fleet and that of the rebels came but little short of being a reverse on our side. The rebel rams accomplished no small amount of damage to two or three of our gunboats, and our entire fleet barely succeeded in repulsing the attacking force, which, repairs being made, will return to the attack. With rams in our flotilla, we may confidently anticipate a great victory in the next engagement."

The rebels are somewhat contradictory in their reports of the losses sustained by them in the recent naval battle above Fort Wright. The Memphis *Appeal* of the 11th contains a letter putting the figures at 8 killed, and 16 wounded; while a letter in the *Avalanche* of the 12th puts them at 2 killed, and 8 wounded. The rebel letter-writers with the fleet at the fort, should compare notes.

Dispatches received from Col. DAZELLE, headquarters, near Bloomfield, Mo., contain accounts of the capture of the notorious Col. PRELAN, of JEFF. THOMPSON's gang of marauders, and over one hundred of his men. Fifty of the men, it is said, gave themselves up, and expressed a desire to return to a quiet and peaceful life.

The steam-transport *Atlantic* arrived at this port on Saturday from Port Royal, bringing the mails and a quantity of cotton. She brings intelligence that the rebel steamer *Plaster* had arrived at Port Royal from Charleston, in charge of her contraband pilot and crew, who turned her over to Uncle Sam. She had on board seven heavy guns, beside an 8-inch rifled one, intended to have been mounted on Fort Ripley, a work in course of construction on the "Middle Ground," in Charleston Harbor. The official reports of the affair will be found in our columns this morning.

Gen. GEARY telegraphs to the War Department from Rectortown, on the Manassas Gap Railroad, that a detachment of seventeen of his men—an advance guard to Linden, was attacked at the latter place on Thursday, by a large body of rebel cavalry, and overpowered, though the men fought bravely from the shelter of the depôt. One man was killed, and fourteen taken prisoners—three of whom were wounded. The enemy then hastily retired, on the approach of a larger body of Col. GEARY's force.

The prize-ship *Gondar*, of Liverpool, Acting-Master THATCHER, from Fort Macon in twelve days, arrived here yesterday. She was captured at the taking of Fort Macon by Gen. BURNSIDE's expedition. She has a full cargo of spirits turpentine, resin and cotton, and was waiting a favorable opportunity to run the blockade for Liverpool.

GENERAL NEWS.

The steamship *Great Eastern* arrived at this port Saturday morning, having left Milford-Haven on the 6th inst. Her advices are two days later than were received by the *America*. The news is of very little importance. The principal item is the assertion of the Paris *Patrie*, of the 4th inst., that M. MERCIER, the French Minister to this Country, had long conferred with Jeff. DAVIS on the occasion of his late visit to Richmond, and that his views were entirely in accordance with those of the Emperor NAPOLEON. The Captain of the *Emily St. Pierre*, who recently procured his ship from a prize crew, and took her to Liverpool, has been the recipient of marked honors, a service of plate and a gold chronometer having been presented him by merchants of Liverpool and others, together with other marks of appreciation of his conduct. The owners of the *Emily St. Pierre* had made him a present of £2,000, and intended to provide handsomely for his companions. There had been a decline in the Liverpool Cotton Market, and American Securities were steady.

Parson BROWNLOW delivered an address in the Brooklyn Academy of Music on Saturday evening, to an audience of not less than 3,000 persons. He was most cordially welcomed, and his statement of the condition of the Union men at the South excited the deepest interest. He will deliver an address at the Brooklyn Athenæum this evening.

The Louisville *Journal* enumerates several incidents which show conclusively that rebel sympathizers all along the route of the guerrilla MORGAN knew of his coming before he made his last raid into Kentucky. It infers that he must have active spies scattered through the State.

Dr. J. J. HAYES, well known as the leader of the Arctic Expedition, having received the appointment of Brigade Surgeon, his friends in Philadelphia have presented to him, as a testimonial of their sense of his services and zeal, a sword, sash, belt, and other personal equipment; also, a fine bridle, saddle and housings for his horse.

Capt. FULTON, of the *Mississippi*, which had such an unfortunate voyage to the Gulf, has returned to Boston, Gen. BUTLER having released him from arrest.

Hon. H. B. WRIGHT, of Pennsylvania, has written a letter to his constituents explaining the reasons of his voting in opposition to the bill recently passed by Congress abolishing Slavery in the District of Columbia. He does not think this the time to agitate the Slavery question, and believes it wrong to abolish the institution anywhere without the consent of the master.

A very large meeting of members of the Bar was held at the Astor House, Saturday afternoon, with a view to hear an explanation from Mr. EDWIN JAMES in regard to the recent assault on his character. Mr. BREWSTER presided, and Mr. JAMES made an effective statement in his own defence. After remarks by LEVI S. CHATFIELD, JOHN H. WHITE, Mr. SHERWOOD and others, the meeting resolved unanimously that Mr. JAMES was a persecuted man, and that there was no cause for revoking his license as a member of the New-York Bar.

The Stock market was firm through the dealings of the day, but closed a fraction lower in the afternoon. United States 6 ℘ cents, of 1881, 104½ ℘ cent.; New-York Central, 89 ℘ cent.; Gold, 103@103¼; Exchange, 113½@113¾ ℘ cent.

Breadstuffs were generally lower on Saturday, having been depressed by the heavy receipts and the unfavorable market advices from England. Transactions in Coffee and Sugars were quite extensive, at full rates. Provisions were quiet, as were also Cotton, Fish, Hemp, Molasses, Naval Stores, Rice, Seeds, Spices and Metals. Hay, Hides, Leather, Whale Oil, Tallow, Tobacco and Wool were in fair demand. Whisky declined slightly. The Freight market was steady, though not very active.

THE SATURDAY REVIEW ON MR. RUSSELL'S CONGÉ.—That priggish organ of English intellectual snobbery, the *Saturday Review*, after throwing weekly ridicule on Mr. RUSSELL during his entire stay in the United States, has, since his return, taken to beslavering him with praise. In its latest issues it has an article on "Mr. RUSSELL's *Congé*," in which it attributes the prohibition which was put on the Special Correspondent's accompanying the army of the Potomac, to the "envy, hatred and malice of the rowdy New-York newspapers," and asserts that the "New-York editors" *actually compelled Secretary STANTON* to shut down on Mr. RUSSELL's following the campaign in Virginia! Now, as Mr. RUSSELL has already given a full explanation of both the ostensible, and what he regarded the real reason of his congé, the theory of the *Saturday Review*, to say the least, overgreen. Mr. RUSSELL knows—the *Saturday Review*, doubtless, also knows—that the New-York journals (leaving out, always, the one "rowdy sheet" which nobody mistakes for either a type of New-York journalism or a representative of New-York opinion) not only did not "instigate," but deeply regretted Mr. RUSSELL's departure, and that, during his twelve months' stay in the United States, he received from the New-York Press far more courtesy and appreciation than he met at the hands of the *Review*, which does not hesitate to found a spiteful paragraph on a palpable untruth.

The Reported Naval Repulse near Richmond—Beauties of Official Dispatches.

Next to successes that are utterly incomprehensible, the grandest efforts of Official Intelligence are in reporting defeats that are equally beyond the power of mere human wit to fathom. There is this about the former, however—that people soon learn to *allow* a certain amount in these announcements of exaggerated triumphs. Men know that there is generally a correspondence between means and end, that prestidigitatorial effects are the exception rather than the rule in real war; and when a preternatural success is achieved with supernaturally small force and loss, the public quietly sets down in its own mind either that the object attained was really of less magnitude than was reported, or that the means employed to effect it was greater, and the price paid correspondingly large. It is not so easy to apply the same process to announcements of defeats, for the very reason that official dispatches are generally too good rather than too bad, and there is no end to the suspense, anxiety and torture to which the public may be put by a stupid employe of the War Department. We have had a good many illustrations of this; but they are all thrown completely into the shade by his astounding report of the repulse of our iron-clad fleet near Richmond, transmitted from Washington with the official *imprimatur*, and printed in the TIMES.

This remarkable dispatch, which is dated at Williamsburgh on Saturday, and signed by "DAVID CAMPBELL, of the Fifth Cavalry," recites that the gunboats *Galena, Monitor, Aroostook, Naugatuck*, and *Port Royal* were "repulsed from Fort Darling, seven miles below Richmond," on Friday. A "portion of them" are stated to have returned to Jamestown Island, near Williamsburgh. He then goes on to say that Lieut. MORRIS, commanding the *Port Royal*, had sent overland to him "for information regarding the condition of the forts below the island, and also to assist in burying the dead which he brought down with him," and of whom seventeen are stated to have been interred on the banks of the river. *Finally, it is mentioned that the* one hundred pound gun of the *Naugatuck* exploded at the first fire!

One could wish this muddle-headed, illogical, and altogether incomprehensible "DAVID CAMPBELL, of the Fifth Cavalry," for half an hour in the hands of some Holy Father Inquisitor, who might extract a little intelligible matter from him. If the gunboats were "repulsed," by what were they repulsed? A "portion of them returned to Jamestown Island." What became of the rest of them? Were they sunk, blown up, or captured? Why should Lieut. MORRIS send for "intelligence regarding the condition of the forts below the island," when the whole fleet had but a few days ago passed up the river by the forts, reducing one, and running easily by the other? Seventeen dead had been interred on the banks of the river; what is the number of those that are spoken of as having been brought down by Lieut. MORRIS, and how were they killed—by the bursting of the gun on board the *Naugatuck*, or how? Such are a few of the first questions that leap to the lips of the bewildered reader of this strange, alarming official dispatch.

It is not possible, at the present writing, to say what is the real substratum of facts in this reported "repulse." Of Fort Darling—stated to be seven miles below Richmond—we now hear for the first time. It is doubtless a recent earthwork, thrown up as part of the improvised defences of the rebel capital, provided for by the rebel Congress just before its adjournment. That any armament it mounted was able to "repel," sink or seriously damage our iron-clad gunboats, we shall be very slow to believe. The powers of resistance of the *Monitor* have already been tested, in the memorable conflict in Hampton Roads, when the heaviest shot and shell fell like harmless hailstones from off her mailed sides; and the *Galena* and the other vessels have also been under fire of the forts on the James River, and come out scathless. It is not unlikely, however, that obstructions have been placed in the channel of the river narrow at that point. It is not impossible, also, that torpedoes have been planted in the river. The former may have delayed, or the latter may have damaged our gunboats. There is no end to the disasters one might conjure up in following out the line of suggestion of the dispatch.

We have no idea, however, that the reality will prove to be at all as bad as these suggestions. Gen. McCLELLAN, by whose authority the first dispatch was transmitted to the War Department, in a later dispatch, says nothing of the affair. There is every likelihood, indeed, that the delay will be no longer than to allow the removal of the obstructions, when our iron-clad gunboats will move on to the rebel capital, which they were within seven miles of last Friday. There will only remain, then, the vexation caused by a dispatch which is the worst that official stupidity ever turned out.

REBEL EVACUATION OF PENSACOLA.—Six months ago, or a year ago, the capture of Pensacola and the adjoining forts held by the rebels, would have created a sensation North and South. In these days, however, when every week brings us a first-class event, such as the rout of the rebels from Yorktown, or the capture of New-Orleans, or the occupation of Norfolk, things which formerly seemed highly important now sink to the level of mere incidental circumstances. Still the anxiety and interest that for so long a time centred around this region of Western Florida cannot soon be forgotten, and the importance of the capture of Pensacola, Fort Barrancas and McRee, and the Warrington Navy-yard, which at one time seemed so great, is not a whit less now than at any previous time.

The story of the capture of Pensacola, though told by the rebels, is undoubtedly true, for it has come to us from three sources. JACOB THOMPSON—BUCHANAN's Secretary of the Interior, now a rebel Colonel, who came within our lines before Corinth last Thursday, under a flag of truce—was the first to announce the event, and he stated it as an accomplished fact. Since then, we have a confirmation of the statement from the Memphis papers, and some details of the affair. From these it would seem that our batteries and vessels opened upon the enemy's works (the third time they have been bombarded) a week ago to-day. In a short while, however, it was discovered to be a waste of powder, as, though the enemy's works were there, the enemy himself had decamped; and all that remained for our forces to do was to enter and take possession. A third statement, in a dispatch from Mobile, makes the thing positive, and shows that the rebels only evacuated after destroying everything in their power.

The appearance of our fleet at this unexpected point probably explains the recent rebel reports of the movements of certain of our vessels off Mobile Bay. Seventeen of Commodore PORTER's ships from New-Orleans were said to be advancing upon Mobile and reconnoitering the forts which defend the city. It is quite likely that they did reconnoitre these works, and, perhaps, give them a shot or two, as they passed along to enter Pensacola Bay; and by this means they may have put the rebels off the scent, and led them to withdraw from Pensacola what troops they had there for the defence of Mobile.

The capture of Pensacola clears Florida of the last rebel force of any importance within the State. It will also be of value now as giving us a new line of approach to Mobile. There is a railroad between the two points, built by the rebels for their convenience when the war broke out; and this railway will now be available for our use. With our vessels in front of the city, and our troops in the rear, it can be taken at our convenience, and without much risk.

The Business of the Week.

The record of last week will demand no very gorgeous blazon in the calendar of war. Upon it no victories figure. The Union arms made no advance, by sea or land, tributary to the great result of the contest. In the Southwest Gen. HALLECK continued to press in cautiously but closely upon the lines of BEAUREGARD, apparently rating the strength, position and resources of the adversary at their full value, and resolute to afford him no other advantage than that of his elaborate works. In regard to relative numbers of the combatants at Corinth, accounts continue to disagree with more than ordinary pertinacity. On the one hand the superiority is assigned to the rebels, and the dreariest apprehensions are suggested as to the event of a struggle wherein the former is not only admirably posted and defended, but commanded by his ablest Generals, but has the odds of strength in his favor. At Corinth, also, the last stand of the Southwestern rebels has been located, in order that we may be taught to anticipate there a vigor and tenacity of resistance not therefore encountered. The truth, however, appears to be that HALLECK has a force by one-third greater than BEAUREGARD, and of this greater number the main body have seen active service, stood fire gallantly, and have the utmost confidence in their ability to whip the rebels one to five. Of BEAUREGARD's force the majority are of new levies. When SIDNEY JOHNSTON's command reached the line of the Memphis and Charleston Road, after its retreat from Bowling Green, it is known to have dwindled away to a mere handful. It simply served as the nucleus of an army, alarmingly unsound at the core. BRAGG has reinforced it with ten thousand men from Pensacola. LOVELL is there with the detachment which deserted New-Orleans without striking a blow; the fugitives FLOYD extricated from Fort Donelson and the relics of Pea Ridge are also there. The rest is the ragtag and bobtail of the Southern mob driven into the ranks at the point of the bayonet, and eager for any calamity which shall release them and send them homeward. As to the *morale*, as of the numerical strength of such an army, we may fairly entertain doubts. No tropical people exhibits the fortitude and persistence under reverse, which stimulate to new efforts, and more desperate exhibitions of courage and daring. There is none of that real elasticity under disaster, which adds ferocity to each fresh encounter. The Southern army has no motive to new endeavors. Nothing but losses and evacuations fill the diary of the last three months, the few incidents of a contrary character being too insignificant to produce any enthusiastic confidence. The misconceptions engendered at Bull Run have been cured effectually. Panic no longer fights on the side of the rebels, who, from the first, have counted more confidently upon panic than upon more deliberate agencies—panic in the cotton market, panic among European manufacturers upon the loss of Southern custom, panic among Yankee soldiery, wherever it should encounter the half-horse, half-alligator braves of the Southwest. Wiser and sadder men, they come to each new conflict with less arrogance and resolution; and of desperation they have little, for the reason that as much is to be hoped, among rank and file, from National as from rebel success. There is nothing either in the force or the spirit of the rebels to excite the fears of Gen. HALLECK. It is only their position which requires his extreme circumspection.

Events in Virginia have not maintained the encouraging tenor with which the previous week ended. Gen. McCLELLAN has suspended pursuit of the rebels, in order to recruit his commissariat, rearrange his transportation, and permit those important auxiliaries, the gunboats, to reach the points where they were to coöperate with his advance. The part of the gunboats, however, seems to have been attended with signal failure. Steel-clad and ball-proof, they were expected to afford further demonstration of the inferiority of land fortifications to heavily-armed batteries afloat; and beyond the trifling detention occasioned by the removal of obstructions placed in the channel by the rebels, we hear of nothing could prevent their first trial ending in their capture of Richmond and Petersburgh. The explosion of the great gun on board the *Stevens* does not sufficiently explain the reported retreat of the *Galena*, which was assumed to have offensive qualities decisive of any quarrel which it might have to dispute. We shall await, with impatience, the extended details of this cruise up the James. In the meantime, there are other vessels idle at Norfolk and Fortress Monroe, which can certainly overcome the difficulties in ascending the river; and which will, doubtless, be dispatched upon the errand without delay. BANKS remains at New-Market; McDOWELL, at Fredericksburgh. The only display of activity, just now, is exhibited by FREMONT, who seems to be pressing southward with unrelaxing energy.

From the Southern coast, our intelligence is not momentous. Gen. HUNTER's extravagance will be sharply corrected, as soon as it shall be verified to the President. Pensacola has been evacuated by the rebels; but it is not probable our troops will occupy it. Commodore PORTER is quietly fulfilling his mission, to the extent, perhaps, of capturing Mobile, while a portion of his squadron is feeling its way up the Mississippi. In truth, matters at all points have been carried to that pitch of forwardness that the current week can hardly fail to give us abundant fruits, the reward of a wider patience, and of careful preparation. When each step the nation takes regains so much of rebel soil, we may fairly pause in order that no false steps shall be taken.

The Latest Job—The Solicitor of the Customs.

The Committee on Commerce of the House of Representatives have reported favorably on the bill creating the office of Solicitor of Customs for this port. We find in the *Evening Post* an abstract of their report, and assuming that it sets forth the document correctly, we are at a loss whether most to wonder at the old errors of fact or the new ones, or the errors in the conclusions drawn from them.

We are met on the threshold by the same which we have hitherto exposed, as to the amount of revenue business in this District. The Committee repeat the statement that there are six hundred revenue suits pending here, four hundred and eighty of which are against Collectors and other Revenue officers. Perhaps it would be too much to expect of the Committee that they should have relied upon statements made by a newspaper, without inquiry, but, nevertheless, the repetition of this blunder is inexcusable, and shows that they have acted upon somebody's statements without any inquiry into the facts. A brief inquiry, either of the District-Attorney here, or of the Clerks of the Courts, would have told them that there were no such number of suits pending. Why did they not make this inquiry? They did make inquiry as to the amount of compensation paid for extra counsel in revenue causes in this District for the last ten years. Were they afraid lest a similar inquiry as to the amount of business should have a similar result, and that as their $20,000 a year for ten years had been cut down to $2,500 in all, so their six hundred suits would be cut down to one hundred or thereabouts? We cannot tell this, of course, but the incorporation of so gross an error into the fore front of their report, when the facts could have been so easily obtained, does not augur well for the accuracy of its remaining statements.

The next statement is that the system of Revenue laws "is a special department of our jurisprudence, and requires peculiar and special knowledge, which is not likely to be possessed by the District-Attorney, who is selected either for his political services or his general professional qualifications." The Revenue law is no more of a special department than the law of real estate, or the mercantile or the criminal law, and no more requires a special officer to attend to it. And even the Committee are not bold enough to suggest that if a Solicitor of Customs was appointed, he would not be "selected either for his political services or his general professional qualifications." The proposed change in the law will make no change in this respect, we may be sure. And, moreover, for 70 years this business has been done, and without complaint, by District-Attorneys, however appointed. Some of those District-Attorneys have been B. F. BUTLER, PRESCOTT HALL, JOHN McKEON, CHARLES O'CONOR, Judge ROOSEVELT, to say nothing of the present incumbent. Do the Committee anticipate the appointment of better men than these as Solicitors of Customs? Where will they find them? What will be the appointing power which will appoint them neither for "political services" nor for "professional qualifications?" Do they mean to intimate that the business has not been done well for the Government? If it has, why this movement on the part of the Government to change the system? There is no call for any such change from any other quarter. There is no change of facts which calls for any system different from that which has worked so well thus far.

But the Committee could not believe that whatever delays exist here could "be attributed to the want of judicial force." We cannot but consider that the—so far as we know—unanimous opinion of the lawyers who practice in the United States Courts that such a want exists is of more weight than the lack of belief on the part of the Committee. They seem to look at the subject as if there was no business but United States business to be done in these Courts. They overlook entirely the admiralty business, the patent business, the equity and common law business, all of which must be done by the District Judges, with the exception of the short periods in Spring and Fall, when Judge NELSON can be here. We need for the business of this District two Judges, at least, who shall sit all the time, so that the Bar can know what to depend upon. And then the judicial force will not bear anywhere near the proportion to the amount of business that exists in other districts. We have rarely had two District Courts held here at the same time. When the Judges from other districts come here they take the Circuit Court, or if they take the District Court, things have to be dropped while the docket of that Court is worked off before them. And when we do have two Courts open at the same time, if they will both of them take up United States business, to the neglect of all other suits, there can be the assistance of the District-Attorney, for well as himself, to keep them occupied. We do not hesitate to put our reputation for prophecy—and what is of more importance to a newspaper than that?—upon the statement that the creation of a Solicitor of Customs will do absolutely nothing towards expediting business here, unless the judicial force is increased, and that if it is increased, it will be found that there is no need of the additional office.

The Committee speak of the loss to Government of costs incident to delays, but without giving any figures as to the amount of such loss; and we cannot but think that loss should go along with the $20,000 a year of extra compensation. We do not believe there has been enough of it in all the past ten years to be worth mentioning.

Furthermore, they state triumphantly, that "all docket and other fees *taxable from the Solicitor of Customs* are to be paid into the Treasury," and they speak of this as an "increase," which gives them ground to think that the measure will be an economical one for the Government. The "docket and other fees" in United States cases are now applied directly to the payment of the District-Attorney's salary. We do not precisely see where any "increase" is to come from, unless the bill proposes to make the Solicitor pay the costs himself, as would be implied, perhaps, by their speaking of costs "taxable from" him. In this way there might be a saving indeed. But it will otherwise be no saving to have the work done by one office rather than the other. It must be paid for in either event.

Again, the Committee say that there is great need of speed in revenue cases, because "they are often, if not generally dependent upon the testimony of seamen, who cannot be detained without hardship to them, or with great cost to the Government, and there is a probability of losing their evidence altogether, if the case is not disposed of soon, by the absence of the witnesses." It is most astonishing that this Committee should so have relied upon somebody's imagination for their facts. So far from revenue cases being generally dependent upon the testimony of seamen, we do not hesitate to say that there is not one revenue case in a hundred in this District in which a seaman is examined as a witness. The witnesses are Custom-house officers, merchants, passengers or vessels, almost never seamen. The Committee could hardly have made a statement showing more profound ignorance of the facts than this.

But assuming the facts of the case to be as stated, the argument which the Committee draw from them in favor of the creation of a Solicitor of Customs is an utter *non sequitur*. The logical conclusion from them is to an increase of force in the District Attorney's Office. Give him two or three assistants, if need be, but why should the legal business of the United States be divided into two or three independent departments? The reason of every disinterested man will tell him at once, that the only true way is to have one head responsible for the transactions of all the law business of the Government. He may properly enough have one assistant, who shall attend to revenue business, and one to attend to prize business, and one to criminal business, or make any other division of the force under him. But to divide the business into two independent departments is no more proper than to have two Secretaries of War. And the Committee have not favored us with a word to show why the universal system of the Government should be broken down in this instance. And the proposed change will in our opinion increase whatever of "delays and perplexities" are incident to the present mode of conducting these cases—will be a large additional expense to the Government, and will be quite likely to put the merchants of this City to expenses of which they now have no idea.

HUMPHREY MARSHALL REDIVIVUS.—That pot-bellied glutton and bacchanal, HUMPHREY MARSHALL, has not been heard of for some time; and his valiant deeds have been quite neglected amid the pomp and circumstance of events transpiring outside of his field of action. The rebels put forth a story about him, a month ago, that he, in company with SCOTT, had advanced with an immense force upon Nashville; had captured that capital, and was meditating a movement upon Gen. HALLECK's rear. The story quite comforted the Secessionists in Baltimore and elsewhere, and gave them new hopes for the success of the rebel cause. Subsequently, however, it was discovered that instead of menacing Gen. HALLECK's army, HUMPHREY had been appointed by JEFF. DAVIS to a command in the extreme southwestern corner of Virginia, and that the principal duty assigned him by the grim rebel chieftain was to prevent the distillation, purchase or sale of any liquor of any kind in his department. This was a *rôle* mean enough to disgust the great drunkard with the whole rebel concern; and it seems to have driven him to acts of desperation. He has advanced out of his prescribed range, crossed the Great Flat Top Mountain, and pounced upon and captured the village of Princetown, in Mercer County. The county is beyond the region in which JEFF. DAVIS has forbidden the use of whisky, and MARSHALL doubtless thought that now he could make up for lost time. Gen. COX, however, who was in the vicinity, at once gave battle to the fat rebel and drove him from the place. He is now in an awful plight. On one side of him, on the New River, is a large National force, and on the other is the teetotal district, where he dare not drink whisky. What will he do with himself? Let him defy JEFF. DAVIS, return to his liquor, disband his troops, take the oath of allegiance, and hang himself.

Fire in Leominster, Mass.

BOSTON, Sunday, May 18.

A fire at Leominster, Saturday morning, destroyed the piano-forte manufactory of J. H. LOCKE, the comb factory of JOSLYN & AMES, the machine-shop of TRUMBULL & RICHARDSON, and two other buildings. *Loss $30,000; partly insured.*

Death of Capt. Wright.

PHILADELPHIA, Sunday, May 18.

Capt. WRIGHT, of BURE's Cavalry, son of Hon. HENRY D. WRIGHT, died this morning at Germantown, of typhoid fever.

Address in Request to the Coming Great Battles.

Arrival of Wounded Soldiers from the Peninsula.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, May 18,

THE NEW MOVEMENT IN KENTUCKY.

THE news sent in your editorial comments on the important military movement in Kentucky. The action then set up a "Military Governor" for that Commonwealth, empowered to establish a military State Guard of men not then liable to be drafted into the regular service, and to arm them at the expense of the State, for the protection of citizens against the frequent outbreaks of secessionists in different parts of the State. The House, some time ago, passed a bill, reported by Col. Blair from the Military Committee, meeting the necessities of Kentucky in this matter, but it has not been acted on in the Senate. The Government has resolved that it is a military necessity to punish marauding bands of rebels in Kentucky, and to protect Union men from their violence, and hence the movement for an independent force, under a military commandant, in that State.

THE COMING GREAT BATTLES.

The feeling of suspense in Washington is very profound in regard to the two great battles soon to be fought for the Union, at Richmond and Corinth. In regard to the latter there is comparatively no excitement, though the interest is absorbing. McClellan's policy is yielding the excellent fruits, in the country's confidence that all will go right where he commands. He is always sure, makes no advance till he is ready to hold it, and "wins his battles before he fights them." Richmond is doomed, and everybody knows it. In regard to Corinth, there is more excitement, though few who think of the armies led by Pope, Buell, Hunter, and Thomas, believe they will even have a battle. This week, it is thought, will open the last end, and peace will reign in the Confederacy.

WOUNDED SOLDIERS FROM THE PENINSULA.

Two hundred and fifty odd soldiers of McClellan's army, chiefly sick or disabled, in the running fight after the attack from Yorktown, were sent from this city to the Annapolis hospital by train this afternoon. [illegible] in and about this city, are interested, being pretty fully preoccupied. They reached Alexandria last evening, and this city this morning. The officers are made up of a few from almost every regiment engaged, and are brought to different points of the army's advance as far up the Peninsula as Cumberland. Two hundred and five or six were embarked at Yorktown, but died on the Adriatic, another his nurse and jumped overboard and was drowned at 1 o'clock Friday morning, while the ship lay anchored at Yorktown; and twenty-two other delirious patients were deemed too ill to move by rail. They were delirious on the passage to Alexandria, and were kept under restraint and watch all the way. They remain in Washington.

THE DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS—GEN. LANE.

The report of the Department of Kansas gives the Herald quite an uneasiness for attack on Gen. Lane. Whatever may have been thought of the place of the Lane Republican, it must be admitted that Gen. Lane, since his return to the Senate, has devoted himself quietly and industriously to his duties on Sundays, and studiously refrained from political speeches.

REPORT FOR GEN. BURNSIDE'S COMMAND.

The Ordnance Department has directed that all ordnance for Gen. Burnside's command in North Carolina shall hereafter be sent to New-York.

POSTAGE FOR GERMANY.

The Post-office Department gives notice that hereafter the single rate of postage for prepaid letters transmitted per Prussian closed mail between the United States and all parts of Germany, except the Grand Duchy of Baden, will be 36 instead of 30 cents. All unpaid letters to whatever part of Germany they may be addressed, and prepaid letters addressed to Baden, will continue to be charged with postage at 30 cents. The single rate Postmasters should pay the attention on their tables of postages to foreign countries, and charge postage accordingly.

OUR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE.

LAST ARRIVALS FROM RICHMOND—THE EXPERIENCE OF UNION SOLDIERS IN SECESSIA—THEIR TREATMENT AND PRISONS—COL. CORCORAN NOT TO BE DISCHARGED—RICHMOND TO BE BESIEGED—THE AFFAIR OF WILLIAMSBURGH—A CONTRACT BILL FOR NEW-YORK, ETC.

WASHINGTON, Thursday Evening, May 15, 1862.

I have had a conversation to-day with some of the Union prisoners captured at Bull Run by the rebels, and just sent home from Richmond. This party consists of about eight hundred, and has in exchange eighty-three of the rebel prisoners who were liberated in exchange, but refused to return to Dixie—preferring to take the oath of allegiance and remain North. The melody of "Carry me back to Ole Virginny" not begin to sound tame and spiritless to Southern ears; I doubt whether it would any longer excite the wanted enthusiasm in the ardent breast of its old admirer, who now expounds the law officially for the Empire State. Beside these men, a dozen or so of the rebel guard which brought our prisoners to Fortress Monroe, deserted at Newport's News; they dared not return and forgot to come back. They thought the matter among themselves on the trip, and concluded that they had been serving a bad master, for four months too long—that being the period for which they had marched to the sound of rebel music.

From these returned prisoners I received some items of interest to me; so why not to the public? When first taken to Richmond they were treated with great kindness and civility; even the dingers often [illegible] through the windows of their prison would at any time draw the fire of their guard. But this treatment changed after awhile, till finally it became harsh and cruel. From Richmond they were taken first to Charleston, where they were kept awhile in the common jail; thence they were removed to Castle Pinckney, and soon after brought back to the jail. In November, I think it was, they were carried to Columbia, and in the Winter brought back to Richmond, to be exchanged. The terms of exchange were [illegible], and the prisoners started for Northern lines, when the grand exploit of the Merrimac and the [illegible] of the Confederate chiefs, and they were remanded to prison in Richmond, where they have remained till now.

Col. Corcoran, Col. Wilcox, and forty other officers, are treated as the valuable to be exchanged. All these were confined at Richmond in the same prison, where my informers were quartered, and on the floor next below them. The building was a tobacco warehouse, several stories in height. The floor occupied by the officers was one large room, forty feet by one hundred; into their quarters Gideon Pillow, by cutting off twenty-two feet from one end for a guard-room, and giving the officers the balance. All communication with the outside world was prohibited; that the boys could take no tidings home of their fate, all finally it became common talk. From Richmond they were taken first to Charleston, where they were kept awhile in the common jail; thence they were removed to Castle Pinckney, and soon after brought back to the jail. In November, I think it was, they were carried to Columbia, and in the Winter brought back to Richmond, to be exchanged. The terms of exchange were [illegible], and the prisoners started for Northern lines, when the grand exploit of the Merrimac and the [illegible] of the Confederate chiefs, and they were remanded to prison in Richmond, where they have remained till now.

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THE WAR IN THE SOUTHWEST.

Gen. Curtis Rapidly Marching on Little Rock, Ark.

Another General Advance of General Halleck's Army.

MORE GUERRILLAS ALONG THE LINES.

Some Prisoners Under Arrest, Expecting an Attack.

SAINT LOUIS, Saturday, May 17.

The latest advices from Gen. CURTIS are that his forces are between Lonoy and Little Rock, Ark., and rapidly marching on the Capital. Gen. REYNOLDS has called on the militia and people generally to come out. Large numbers have applied to Gen. CURTIS for protection, who desire to come under the old flag.

There was a general advance along our lines to-day towards Corinth. There was much skirmishing and several severe engagements. Gen. SHERMAN'S Division lost forty-four killed and a considerable number wounded in attacking BURNSIDE'S house, which the rebels have occupied for some time past, worrying the pickets. We succeeded in driving the enemy with the position took to his works.

Our camps were under arms expecting an attack on Sunday morning. Among the killed rebels left on the ground was one with a sword, supposed to be an officer. Our forces, under Maj.-Gen. SHERMAN, took possession of rebel houses. Skirmishers from the Eighth Missouri, and only about three hundred yards from the enemy's breastworks. Several rifles were captured in the skirmish on the right. These are perfectly new and marked BERNER & FARNAM, Boston, and much superior to the rifles used by our sharpshooters, having a range of from twelve to fifteen hundred yards, while ours are only effective at about 1,000 yards. In all cases the rebels left on the field were shot in the head, and the wounded shot in the neck and breast. The enemy left on the field 40 killed and 100 wounded.

Deserters from Corinth report an entire absence of chloroform in their medical stores. There is probably none in the Confederacy. The weather is very warm, and the roads are quite dusty.

CAIRO, Sunday, May 18.

The steamer from Pittsburgh Landing has arrived. The news is not important.

A small skirmish had taken place lasting nearly two days. The rebels were driven back, but not until they succeeded in burning the bridge over the south Chickasaw river, four miles from Corinth. Twelve of our men were reported to have been wounded.

Deserters continue to report the scarcity of provisions in the rebel camp. Many of their cattle are starving for the want of forage.

Guerrillas infest the country around Hickman and New-Madrid, and other points, committing depredations.

FROM THE MISSISSIPPI FLOTILLA.

Rebel Gunboats on a Reconnoitering—Rumors about Beauregard.

CAIRO, Sunday, May 18.

The latest news from the fleet states that several rebel gunboats came around Craigshead Point yesterday on a reconnoitering. The Union opened fire as soon as they came within range, when the rebels retired.

The gunboat *Grand City* has been thoroughly repaired and has gone down to-night.

Passengers by the Dunn give currency to the rumor that Gen. BRAGG is in command at Corinth, BEAUREGARD having been called to Virginia to reorganize the rebel army in the vicinity of Richmond.

SOUTHWESTERN MISSOURI.

Affairs in the Neighborhood of Springfield—A Young Heroine—The Jayhawkers—Secesh Women.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

SPRINGFIELD, MO., Monday, May 5, 1862.

About fifteen miles northwest from Springfield lives a Union farmer named R. Not many days ago, as he was plowing in his field near his little log-cabin, a party of a dozen secesh marauders, or jayhawkers, as they are here called, rode up. Ten of them hid themselves in the brush; the other two came forward and told, "We have been here before, at night, and could not get what we wanted, because your stable was locked. We have come now in the daytime, and we want your horses, and we think we can get them." "Well," said Mr. R., "you are armed and I am not. It is hard, but I suppose I shall have to give them up." "And that's not all," replied one of the two; "we mean to take your horses, and we mean to take you too." "That's what you won't do," replied the sturdy old farmer. "You're got arms, and you can kill me, but you can't take me alive." Here one of the men stepped back a few paces, cocked his gun and took deliberate aim at his head. Just then Mr. R. heard footsteps in the direction of his house, and saw his daughter coming—a girl nearly grown, with a quiet face, but a look of bright intelligence beaming from her eyes. She had one hand under her apron, in which she carried his revolver. And what is more to the purpose, like many a Missouri girl, she knew how to use it. Ah! they are what a Cockney would call "stunning" girls in that neighborhood. One of them at least, I know, ran the gauntlet out of church, horsewhipped a young man in the presence of the congregation, and took his horse away from him, without the least resistance or difficulty. This brave daughter never did that; but when near enough to her father she cast upon him a look of inquiry, which said: "Shall I shoot that man?" Her father shook his head. Then she spoke in a fearless, ordinary tone of voice, and said: "Father, did you see those Federals come to our house just now?" "No," said he. "There were ten of them," she added. The Jayhawker who was threatening her father's life, put up his gun. "Oh," said the other, "they were just our men who were in the brush. I saw them going that way myself." She turned to him and said: "I don't think they were your men. Anyway, they have got short jackets on." (meaning.) Hereupon the horsethieves turned, mounted their steeds, and incontinently "vamoosed the ranche."

"And when they next do rise abroad,
May I be there to see."

Meanwhile, the old farmer and his ingeniously bold girl returned to the house; when, without waiting to put on the saddle, he jumped on his fastest horse, rode for town to seek protection, and told his story to Mr. S., who repeated it to me. It is an "ever true tale."

These jayhawkers are the curse of Southwestern Missouri. Our soldiers took seventy stolen horses from a party of them, near the Granby Lead Mines, about two weeks ago. Eighty of the tribe were brought into this town as prisoners last week. Among them was a prominent Methodist preacher. A party of one or two hundred cavalry started from here yesterday to kill, capture, or disperse a gang of them in Polk County. They infest the borders of Kansas and Arkansas, but do not dare to come into this region. Some of these roving bands have commodious dens near Gen. PRICE. They play all manner of tricks, sometimes decoying Union men by displaying a Union flag, and sometimes painting themselves like savage Indians. In the latter case, I seriously believe that no money would induce them, and no persuasion avail, to kill anything of murdering a human being.

As to the Secesh women here, they are very much like those of Winchester, Va. If Mr. SEWARD rightly described them, when he said, "The men are Pelicans, the women are Furies," I believe, that his genius is now for some time until the shell of a dead Union soldier for a hoop-skirt upon her wasteland.

DEPARTMENT OF THE SOUTH.

OUR PORT ROYAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Returning the Prisoners Captured at Fort Pulaski—Experiments of a Flag of Truce—The Surrender of the Planter—A Bold Performance.

PORT ROYAL, S. C., Wednesday, May 14, 1862.

When Fort Pulaski was taken by the troops under command of Gen. BERNARD, there were about twenty sick and wounded prisoners, whom it was consented should be returned to their homes, provided an equal number should be returned to us. Some of these were so much hurt and so seriously ill that they could not be removed with safety until within a week past. On Friday last, May 9, Capt. A. E. ELY, Assistant Adjutant-General of Gen. BERNARD, was sent up the Savannah River with a flag of truce and a communication from Gen. BERNARD to the commanding officer at Savannah, offering to return these sick and wounded, if a like number of our men should be sent to us by the enemy, neither to serve until regularly exchanged. Capt. ELY embarked on a small steamer, and having taken with him Lieut. O'ROURKE, of the Engineer Corps from Fort Pulaski, steamed up the south channel of the Savannah, past our batteries on Bird Island, up to and beyond the mouth of St. Augustine Creek, where the lowermost of the rebel pickets were stationed. Here he was hailed, and stopped. A rebel steamer, the *St. Johns*, which was in full sight, immediately came down with a white flag flying, and inquired what was wanted. Capt. ELY replied that he had a communication for the commanding officer at Savannah; and quietly asked if we should not go on board the *St. Johns*. The Captain not only took him and Lieut. O'ROURKE on board, but upon his pressing his desire to see Gen. LAWTON, whom he had then learned was in command at Savannah, offered to take him directly up to the city. The *St. Johns* turned about and steamed up through a part of the rebel obstructions in the river, and past some of their batteries, almost to Fort Jackson, when an officer came on board, and expressing great displeasure that these officers had been suffered to penetrate so far within their lines, took the communication, forwarded it to Gen. LAWTON, and ordered the boat back again, saying that an answer would be returned by flag of truce to our lines. The next day Capt. ELY fearing the rebels might undertake to send their flag with answer down to us, and within our lines, went up the river again early in the day and met the rebel steamer *Ida*, and received an answer, declining the proposition made by Gen. BERNARD.

On Friday, among the rebel officers who came on board the *St. Johns* were, Capts. TAYLOR, ANDERSON, and SNOW, Lieut. HUNTER, and Dr. FRIPP. On Saturday Major ANDERSON and Capt. ELLIOT came down. A very correct knowledge of the enemy's defences was obtained by Capt. ELY. What they thought of this operation at Savannah will appear from the following extract from the *Savannah Republican* of May 10:

THE YANKEE FLAG OF TRUCE.—Considerable stir was caused in our city yesterday forenoon, by the announcement that a flag of truce was coming up the river from Fort Pulaski. It appears that an unarmed Federal steamer, bearing a flag of truce, came up to within a short distance of Mackay's Point, between 12 and 1 o'clock, having actually passed our pickets without any effort on their part to arrest her progress. They should be able to make some explanation of such an extraordinary omission. What is still worse, the steamer *St. Johns*, a mere transport, Capt. KING, seeing the Federal vessel approaching, wholly without authority, steamed down the river to meet her, and actually took off two of her officers, and was bringing them up the river in full view of our lower batteries, when she was arrested a short distance below them by an officer sent out by the commandant of the post.

For the very singular and unauthorized conduct of Capt. KING, he was forthwith ordered under arrest. Nobody doubts his loyalty, but so grievous a mistake, to call it by no harder name, proves that he is not the man to be trusted with public duties on the outposts. Everybody is astonished by his imprudence and want of even ordinary forethought.

And on the other hand, we are not so sure but that it would have been right to retain the Federal officers as prisoners. They knew very well that an officer alone was authorized to receive them, and when they took advantage of the indiscretion of Capt. KING, they forfeited the courtesies of war.

The simple fact was, that Capt. ELY, by his cool and quiet pushing ahead, took them entirely by surprise.

Monday, however, Maj.-Gen. PEMBERTON, commanding the Department of South Carolina and Georgia, sent a flag of truce, with a communication, offering an exchange of prisoners, man for man, to the number of six hundred. This Gen. BERNARD was obliged to decline, from want of both the men and the authority.

Wednesday, May 14, the authorities at Port Royal were gratified by receiving intelligence of one of the most heroic acts of the war. It appears that Gen. RIPLEY, commanding at Charleston, had a steamer called the *Planter*, of very light draft, but capable of carrying some 1,400 bales of cotton, which he used about the harbor and in transporting ordnance, &c., from point to point. This boat was manned by a crew of colored men, and they conceived the idea of running away with the boat and taking their families with them. This plan was under advice by them for several weeks, waiting for a favorable opportunity to put in operation. Two of their number, SIMON and BAX, growing impatient, and fearing the risks in that way, escaped last week, and succeeded in getting to Edisto to our troops, floating part of the way on two planks lashed together. The others waited their chance. They one night got their families on board, but were prevented from getting away by the unexpected presence of a white man. Finally, on Monday night, May 12, they got their families on board a small steamer, and Tuesday morning, by daylight, got up steam and backed out from the wharf where they were, telling the sentinel that they were going early to put some guns on Fort Ripley, a new fort erecting at the Middle Ground, and that they had four guns on board for that purpose. They steamed round to the other wharf, took on board their associates, and then boldly pushed down the harbor, directly under and past Fort Sumter, giving the usual signal as they passed by, and made their way out to our fleet, running up a white flag as they got to the Bar. The names of those who executed this bold operation are as follows: Robert Small, Pilot, and, as he called himself, Captain *pro tem*; John Small and Alfred Gradine, Engineers; Abraham Jackson, Gabriel Turno, William Morrison, Sam. Chisholm, Abraham Alston and David ——, with five women and three children.

They brought away four valuable guns—one of them a hundred-pounder Parrot. ROSNAR says that sugar is 50 cents, beef 37 cents, bacon 75 cents, ham $1 25, tea, $5 00, coffee, $1 50 per pound, and salt $20 per sack of three bushels, in Charleston.

Such heroism should not go unrewarded. Gen. HUNTER and Gen. BERNARD ordered the women to be provided for at Beaufort, and the Navy took charge of the boat and the men; but they deserve something more. They brought with them the news of the evacuation of Norfolk. FEDERAL.

Commodore Dupont's Report of the Surrender of the Planter.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, May 18.

The following interesting report from Commander PARROTT has been received at the Navy Department, having been forwarded by Commodore DUPONT:

U. S. STEAMERS AUGUSTA, OFF CHARLESTON, May 13, 1862.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the rebel armed steamer *Planter* was brought out to us this morning from Charleston, by eight contrabands, and delivered up to the squadron. Five colored women and three children are also on board. She carried one 32-pounder and one 24-pounder howitzer, and has also on board four large guns, which she was engaged in transporting. I send her to Port Royal at once, in order to take advantage of the present good weather. I send Charleston papers of the 12th, and the very intelligent contraband who was in charge will give you the information which he has brought off. I have the honor to request that you will send back as soon as convenient the officers and crew sent on board.

Commodore DUPONT, in forwarding this dispatch, says in relation to the rebel schooner *Planter*:

She was the armed dispatch and transportation schooner attached to the Engineer Department of Charleston, under Brig.-Gen. RIPLEY, whose luck a short time since was brought to the blockading fleet by general contraband. The bringing out of this steamer, under all the circumstances, would have been treason to any one; but to the morning, in the absence of the Captain, who was on shore, she left her wharf, close to the Government office and headquarters, with the Palmetto and Confederate flags flying—passed the successive forts, saluted as usual by blowing a steam whistle. After getting beyond the range of the last gun she hauled down the rebel flags, and hoisted a white one. The General was the inside ship of the blockading squadron in the main channel, and was preparing to find where her commanders made out the white rag. The armament of the steamer is a 32-pounder on pivot, and a fine 24-pounder howitzer. She has, beside, on her deck, four other guns—one, 7-inch rifled—which were to be taken on the morning of the escape to the new fort on the middle ground. One of the four belonged to Fort Sumter, and had been struck in the rebel attack on the Fort on the muzzle. ROBERT SMALLS, the intelligent slave and pilot of the boat, who performed this bold feat so skillfully, informed me of this fact, presuming it would be a matter of interest to us to have possession of this gun. This man, ROBERT SMALLS, is superior to any who have come into our lines, intelligent as many of them have been. His information has been most interesting, and portions of it of the most importance.

The steamer is a quite valuable acquisition to the squadron, by her good machinery and very light draught. The officer in charge brought her through St. Helena Sound, and by the inland passage down Beaufort River, arriving here at 10 last night. On board the steamer when she left Charleston were eight men, five women and three children. I shall continue to employ SMALLS as a pilot on board the *Planter*, for inland waters, with which he appears to be very familiar.

I do not know whether, in the views of the Government, the vessel will be considered a prize, but if so, I respectfully submit to the Department the claims of the man SMALLS, and his associates.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
S. F. DUPONT, Flag-Officer Commanding, &c.

FORT PULASKI AFTER THE BOMBARDMENT.

Correspondence of the New-Haven Palladium.

FORT PULASKI, Monday, May 4.

It is now more than three weeks since Pulaski was taken. During the time which has intervened our men, aided by one company of the Third Rhode Island, have been busily employed in clearing away the rubbish which they themselves caused, carting new brick and preparing the crumbled walls for a speedy rebuilding. The wooden dwellings in the vicinity of the fort, some of which were badly riddled by erring shots, have been repaired by our carpenters, and now serve for quartering troops, for hospitals, bakeries, &c. A large dock, connected with us by means of a plank road, affords an excellent place for landing supplies from vessels, thereby obviating the mud and water process that had to be resorted to in our previous location. Around the interior of the fort were "blindages"—huge sticks of timber, measuring from twelve to sixteen inches square and thirty feet in length, and in number about seventeen hundred. These were leaned against the walls at an angle of 45°. By this artificial process the inmates hoped to baffle the effect of our shell, but all their plans were unavailing. The James projectile, and the mortar shells were driven through them as easily as though they were but paste. These have all been pulled down and dragged outside of the *deadlines*. Deep ditches which were dug to counteract the effect of bursting shell have been filled in; heavy embankments and "traverses" thrown up for protection have been leveled off—*all improvements like these, not only give* us more room for evolutions, but also add to the general appearance of our new home, and remove the spirit of desolation and ruin that seemed to pervade every work and corner when first we entered here.

It is no uncommon thing for the workmen on the outer walls to find the conical Parrott shell imbedded in solid brick masonry to a depth of five feet—I mean, of course, the unexploded ones, that failed on account of the percussion cap on the cone not igniting.

The work of rebuilding is under the superintendence of Lieut. O'ROURKE, of the Regular Army. It is not intended to ever replace what is undone, as brick forts hereafter will be among the things that were. Simply patch it up, so as to make it tenantable, and leave it in that condition.

A few days subsequent to the surrender of the place, the water in the moat was drawn off, and our men busied themselves for days, at intervals, in dragging for and fishing up articles of personal property, and likewise arms, equipments, &c., which the rebels, instead of honorably surrendering them, had thrown into the mud. A package of some eighty letters, which, when found, were lying in close proximity to a daguerreotype of some Southern belle, were unfortunately so water-soaked as to be illegible, and consequently no "secrets" betrayed to Yankee curiosity. Huge bowie-knives, probably fashioned with the intention of making our hair stand on end at the mere sight of them, were consigned to a like watery grave, while muskets, rifles, bayonets, swords, &c., were found in rich abundance.

What spare time the men get between hours of drill or labor, they amuse themselves in a variety of ways—fishing, hunting fowl on the land, and crocodiles in the river. One of the latter was killed a few days since, which measured nine feet from tip to tip.

Prof. STARKWEATHER is here with his balloon, the *Washington*, and will make an ascension to-morrow, wind and weather permitting. The balloon is to be inflated, moved to a steamboat, and taken up the river as far as practicable, so that whoever accompanies him will have a fair chance of seeing the sights in Savannah, in advance of us, who are obliged to wait a time with patience, until the train is ready to move forward.

A COLORED BRIGADE.

Correspondence of the Philadelphia Ledger.

NEW-YORK, Friday, May 16.

I think I may venture to state the fact—a fact upon which I am satisfied there is no mistake—that a brigade of colored men, to be officered by whites, is now raising in this City and vicinity. I obtain my information from a gentleman who has seen the rolls. The chief command will be vested in Lieut.-Col. CRAIGHEAD, formerly of the Wilson Fire Zouaves. One of the regiments will be commanded by a Captain of the First Fire Zouaves, a resident of the Fifth Ward, and another by Capt. PETER MCDONOUGH, a personage who gained some notoriety during the filibuster war in Nicaragua.

I am further informed that the uniforms of those dusky men-of-war will consist of a scarlet dress coat, light blue pantaloons, and a Zouave red cap. The rolls, to-day, exhibited sixteen hundred names. The entire brigade will consist of 4,000 men. The contract for the uniforms has just been executed by a military clothing establishment in Broadway. The recruiting of these negroes has been kept as quiet as possible, but the enterprise at length began to assume proportions so imposing that concealment was no longer possible. The character of vessels to convey the brigade to its destination—wherever that may be—was to-day a subject of negotiation between the Government agent and private parties.

ANOTHER PRIZE CAPTURED.

Report of Commodore Dupont to the Navy Department.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, May 18.

The following was received, to-day, at the Navy Department:

FLAG-SHIP WABASH, PORT ROYAL HARBOR, S. C., Tuesday, May 13, 1862.

SIR: I have the honor to report the capture, on the 10th, of the schooner *Marie Teresa* by the United States gunboat *Dandelin*. She was formerly pilot-boat No. 16. Lieut.-commanding GERRIS sent her to New-York for adjudication. I send by United States steamer *Massachusetts* the master and crew of the schooner *Flash*, which vessel was captured by the *Restless*, and sent to New-York for adjudication. The crew had abandoned the schooner, and were escaping to the mainland with the papers, when taken by the boats of the *Onward*. I forward by the *Massachusetts* the papers, directing them to the United States Prize Commissioners, New-York. I also send by the same steamer five of the crew of the schooner *Gen. C. C. Pinckney*, captured by the *Ottawa*, on the 6th inst.; also divers the crew of the schooner *Albert*, captured by the *Seneca*, together with two passengers who were on board at the time.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
S. F. DUPONT,
Flag-Officer commanding South Atlantic Blockading Squadron.

To Hon. GIDEON S. WELLES, Secretary of the Navy.

OCEAN HOUSE, NEWPORT.—It gives us much pleasure to be able to state that the Ocean House, in this City, has been re-leased by Messrs. KEENER & BIXBY, the well-known and popular proprietors of the Clarendon, New-York. The superior style in which this celebrated Summer hotel has been kept for several years past, by these most competent and gentlemanly landlords, commends the house to travelers in the strongest manner. We, therefore, have no doubt but that the Ocean House, notwithstanding the disastrous way in which the country is engaged, will be the resort of very many health and pleasure seeking visitors during the coming Watering season.—*Newport Advertiser.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE RICHMOND.

A Skirmish on Yorktown, on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad—Gallant Men Killed and Fourteen Taken Prisoners.

RICHMOND, Va., Saturday, May 17.

A detachment of 19 men of Company O, Twenty-eighth Pennsylvania Regiment, who reached Lyndon, Va., on the 15th, a short time in advance of reinforcements to that place, was attacked by a body of about 60 cavalry, who dashed upon them from four directions. The men rallied them with sharp firing under shelter of a depot, which bears severe marks of the contest. They were overpowered, and lost 1 killed and 14 taken prisoner. The balance of the company came up, charged the cavalry, and compelled them to beat a hasty retreat, with some loss.

Killed—Corporal Smith.

Captured—Corporal E. Baker; privates W. Glazier, J. Seikeld, T. White, G. Rancrauke, J. M. Frink, W. Cave, G. Snyder, A. Mills, J. Rinard, C. Maxwell, of Company M, and three privates of First Michigan Cavalry, Companies H and I.

LATER FROM NEWBERN.

Arrival of the Transport Gen. Burnside—Nothing New of Importance—Health of the Troops Good.

The United States transport *Gen. Burnside*, Capt. WINSOR, from Newbern, N. C., and Hatteras, 48 hours, arrived at this port yesterday morning, having on board 165 sick and wounded soldiers, and 75 officers and privates on furlough. She has also a very large mail from Newbern, Roanoke and Hatteras, and 600 packages merchandise consigned to ADAMS & Co.'s Express.

Nothing of interest had transpired at Newbern. Gen. BURNSIDE returned to Newbern from Roanoke on the 13th to review the troops. The troops are all in good health.

The following are the passengers by the *Gen. Burnside*: Lieut.-Col. Robie, Eighty-ninth New-York Volunteers; Maj. S. A. Allen, Capt. E. B. Lapham, Capt. L. E. Kent, Fourth Rhode Island; Lieut. J. A. Green, Ninth New-York Volunteers; Capt. J. H. Clark, Sixth New-Hampshire Volunteers; Prof. B. Mallefert, Engineer Corps; Dr. Stone, Twenty-third Massachusetts; L. P. Walcott, C. H. Foster, of North Carolina; H. Hayne, — New-York Volunteers; L. Kraught.

AMUSEMENTS.

GOTTSCHALK once more appears at Niblo's Saloon to-morrow evening, with such a congregation of musical talent as rarely assist in a single concert, and there is little doubt that, late in the season as the appearance may be, it will be as crowded by the fashionable and musical population of the City as have been the most paying of his preceding concerts.

Upon Saturday evening Messrs. MILLS and MOLLENHAUER gave the last of their Classical Soirees. The programme was most liberally arranged, and we must compliment E. MOLLENHAUER warmly on the style in which he played his own "Concert Etude"—although it could scarcely have a right to be considered as a piece of "classical" music—and S. B. MILLS for the wonderful precision and grace of his rendering of BEETHOVEN'S "Sonata," op. 10, No. 3. If in any respect *it might be considered deficient, it was so in* largeness—not power—of style. BEETHOVEN more essentially demands from the hands of his instrumental translator a broad and large handling than any other of the greater masters. This was more positively forced upon our notice by the same pianist's translation with H. MOLLENHAUER, of the variations for piano and violoncello, by MENDELSSOHN, op. 17, which was given by either artist with refined and consummate taste. The other musical selections for the evening were BEETHOVEN'S Quartette, in F minor, No. 11, op. 95, and a Trio from RUBINSTEIN, with which we have a standing and pleasant acquaintance.

Madame ERNESTINE DE VILLIERS has a concert at Dodworth's Hall this evening. Madame STRAKOSCH is the principal vocalist, and Messrs. ROMAN GERADIN, DEMMAN and WELS the instrumental performers.

Extended notice of theatrical subjects is, at this particular juncture, not only unnecessary, but impossible; unnecessary, because no dramatic novelty has been brought out to be enthusiastically dilated on; and impossible, because war news crowds out everything that has not a direct bearing on the great struggle on which the whole energies and attention of the country are engaged. The theatres are immensely prosperous, it is true; but they are trading on what may be called paid-up capital, and, therefore, like the money-market, not speculating themselves, give no occasion for speculation on the part of those who write about them. All that can be said of them is, that with the revival of a number of formerly-successful pieces, they are reviving the flush times of by-gone seasons.

WALLACK'S—First in mention, as in general deserts, as hitherto, got along splendidly with its old comedies. As this present season draws toward a close, however, and the thermometer shows an upward tendency, a lighter class of pieces is being made the staple of entertainment. BRANDRAM, COLMAN and Company are shelved in favor of some of those pleasant little productions which enterprising appropriators from the French have heretofore palmed off upon the public as their own. "The School for Scandal" and "Speed the Plough" give way to "Everybody's Friend" and "Americans in Paris," a change that we candidly confess is rather agreeable than otherwise. Moreover, about this time, benefits begin to be the order of the evening, announced to the public by the advertisement of specially-varied and attractive bills. Thus, for instance, Mr. LESTER WALLACK has his benefit to-night, reproducing "The Romance of a Poor Young Man." On Wednesday, Mrs. HUNT—the best-esteemed lady and most popular actress on the American stage—is tendered her annual testimonial. What will be played that evening has not yet been revealed, but one or more good pieces are sure to be given.

"Geraldine," at the Winter Garden, has been the newest play of the week, in the leading part of which Miss BATEMAN has culled fresh laurels. Her success, as the heroine of her mother's work, has been most decided. The intensity of passion and power thrown into the last scene was immense, and it deserves to be classed as Miss BATEMAN'S greatest triumph. On Friday she took her benefit, when the "Stranger" and "The Honeymoon" were done. This evening, the "Hunchback" will be performed; to-morrow, "The Honeymoon." On Wednesday, a new five act drama written by Mr. DE WALDEN, and entitled "Rosa Gregorio; or the Corsican Vendetta," will be produced.

"Reason and Folly" has been withdrawn from the stage of Miss KEENE'S theatre, and "The Sea of Ice" substituted. Last Wednesday Miss KEENE took her benefit, when the house was crowded.

At Niblo's Garden "The Enchantress" is still upon the bills, Miss RICHARDS singing and playing the part of *Stella*. There is no doubt that Miss RICHARDS is the best singer on the dramatic stage, and that her vocalism has been the salvation of the piece.

NIXON'S Circus has been for several weeks now one of the best entertainments in the City. Some of the most popular equestrians and gymnastic performers of the day belong to the company. The leading feature of the programme, though, is the pantomime of "Cinderella," wherein Commodore FOOTE and Col. SMALL, the two smallest specimens of the human family, excepting NANA, sustain the principal characters.

It is needless to say that the dog-show at BARNUM'S has turned out a tremendous success. The show is a success of the very largest dimensions, so far as the dogs are concerned, and it necessarily follows that the public should contribute its share to make that success complete. The public never fails to do this when the Museum and BARNUM are in question. On this side of the Atlantic as fine a collection of dogs has never been dreamed about before. From the gigantic Siberian Bloodhound to the most diminutive of rat annihilators, dogs of all size, and of every variety nearly under Heaven, send in delegations. Even that extraordinary breed—unknown here until about a year ago—the "rebel" dog, is represented. He is a harmless-looking dog enough, and seems quite insensible to the stigma sought to be fastened on him by calling him "Jeff. Davis." He even wags his tail in the most hardened, reckless kind of way when "Jeff." is said to him. The audacious creature will, no doubt, consider the cows of the best kind, and seem disposed

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CITY NEWS.

A NEW AND DANGEROUS COUNTERFEIT.—An attempt was made on Saturday evening to put in circulation counterfeit $5 bills on the Bank of America, of this City. Quite a number of the up-town shopkeepers were swindled by the rogues before the fraud was detected. It seems that the counterfeiters had formed a plan to circulate these spurious notes simultaneously in New-York, Brooklyn and Jersey City, and had it not been for the telegraph and the Police, they would doubtless have succeeded in defrauding the community of thousands of dollars. The notes are finely engraved, or photographed, so as to resemble very closely the genuine $5 bills of this Bank, and but for the fact that the paper is coarse and poor, the best of judges would be deceived by them. JAMES SMITH was arrested for passing one upon Mr. ELBERT DAUMER, of No. 403 Hudson-street. Justice QUACKENBOSS committed the accused for examination. Several other parties, who are known to the Police, will probably be arrested to-day for the same offence.

A PHILADELPHIAN ROBBED IN BROADWAY.—At a late hour on Saturday night Mr. ISAAC ARNER, of Philadelphia, was robbed in Broadway, near Walker-street, of his pocket-book, which contained $61 in money. The offence was committed by a woman of the town, named ALICE FLANAGAN. Officer BURNS, of the Fifth Ward, took the offender into custody. When she was brought to the Police Court, yesterday, it appeared that ARNER was not the only sufferer at the hands of ALICE on Saturday night. MICHAEL HOUSES, of No. 479 Pearl-street, testified that the same woman robbed him of $6 in Broadway, near the St. Nicholas Hotel. Justice BOSWORTH committed the accused to prison, in default of $1,000 bail in each case. The complainants were held to bail in $500 each, to appear as witnesses against her.

THE POLICE AND THE LIQUOR-DEALERS.—Thomas Reeves, John O'Reilly, Herman Boggles, John Brennan and Peter Tiernans were brought before Justice BOSWORTH, yesterday, upon the charge of selling liquor on Sunday, in violation of law. They were each held to bail in the sum of $100 to answer. Ten parties were brought before Justice QUACKENBOSS, and disposed of in a similar manner for the same offence.

SERIOUSLY STABBED.—A school teacher named JOHN E. WILLIS was arrested, yesterday, upon the charge of stabbing ANDREW WIMONS, of No. 12 Jones-street, in the thigh. The wound, which was inflicted with a sharp-pointed knife, is said to be a dangerous one. The accused was held in the sum of $500 to appear before the Court of Sessions.

The Great Eastern.

This colossal vessel will not be opened to the public for several days. She is lying in the stream, between Canal-street and Hoboken; and, though in an orderly and cleanly condition, will have to be discharged of cargo before it for general inspection. She has not been, so far as exterior appearance goes, much altered since the time she was previously here; yet, she will still prove an interesting and attractive exhibition. Such alterations as she has received have been made chiefly on the mechanical parts of her equipment, and in the personnel of her officers. She has a new commander—Capt. PATON—an experienced sailor, and a gentleman who thoroughly understands the art of achieving popularity amongst his passengers. Capt. PATON'S mates and other subordinates are nearly all different from those who first came over in the ship. The only one of prominence who still retains his position is Chief-Engineer MCLEAN. The defects in the steering apparatus, which caused disaster on the last voyage, have been, as the contributors believe, triumphantly remedied. The steering apparatus is now so arranged that, if it fail on the upper or spar-deck, it can be handled on two of the lower decks, and additions in the way of canvas have been made to enable the ship to hold her own in a gale, even if the rudder happens to get out of order.

Arrivals in the City.

Brig.-Gen. J. C. Caldwell, of Maine; Col. Watrous, of Minnesota; Major Ten Eyck, of the U. S. Army, and lady; A. McDowell, of St. Louis; E. P. Williams, of the U. S. Navy, and Dr. William Greenwood, of Providence, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

Signors Muzio and Brignoli, arrived from Philadelphia on Saturday last and put up the Everett House.

Gen. Q. A. Gillmore, from Port Royal; S. E. Gregory, of Montreal, and Cornelius Walford, of England, are at the Astor House.

Col. Ellison, Col. Higginson, Col. Bradford, and W. P. Power, of the British Army, from Canada; Dr. J. A. Otis, and G. McClellan, of the U. S. Navy, are at the Brevoort House.

Judge A. G. Aldis, of Vermont; J. S. Whitney, of Boston; Mr. Davies, of the Royal Navy; Mons. de T. Janson, from Paris, France; Lieut. Wm. Chamberlay, from Fort Pulaski, and E. Stephens, D. A. Stoddart and Jno. Bateman, of England, are at the Fifth-avenue Hotel.

Col. Robertson, Capt. Mayes, Capt. Clark and W. W. Richards, from North Carolina; Capt. Brown, of Washington, and Capt. Burke, of the U. S. Army, are at the Metropolitan Hotel.

Lieut.-Col. Turner, of the British Army, from Canada, and A. McBride, and G. Raymond, of Canada, are at the La Farge House.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

Fire in the Swill-Milk Stables.

A STAMPEDE AMONG THE STUMP-TAILS—SCENES AMONG THE "MILK-MAIDS."

Yesterday afternoon a fire broke out in the cow-stables attached to the distillery of S. L. HERMAN & Son, made famous a few years ago by the exposures in LESLIE'S *Illustrated Newspaper* and the investigations which followed those exposures. The distillery is located on the block bounded by Flushing, Park and Franklin avenues and Ryerson-street. The fire was first discovered in some hay for horses that had been stored in the loft of one of the buildings, and before the progress of the fire could be stayed the stables occupied by ABRAM FREEMAN, PETER CLARK and GEORGE MASTERSONS, capable of accommodating (in the manner cows are usually packed in swill-milk stables) about two hundred cows, were destroyed. The manufacturers of the swill in these establishments own the stables and let them out to other parties, who manufacture the milk. When the alarm was given, there was great consternation among the employes of the place, for they experienced the utmost difficulty in getting the live stock beyond reach of the fire. Many of the cows were in such a weak condition that they were thrown down and trampled upon by the mere recent additions to the stock, and several will have to be braced up before they can undergo the process of milking again. The miserable condition of the cows generally, thus summarily turned into the street for public inspection, excited the commiseration of all classes of citizens, save one—namely the "milk-vender" engaged about the distillery, who affected to consider the cows of the best kind, and seem disposed

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MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK....SUNDAY, May 18.

Arrived.

U. S. steam transport Gen. Burnside, Winsor, Newbern, N. C., and Hatteras, 48 hours, with mails and passengers, and to express agents. Left the Newbern bough, to U. S. Assistant Quartermaster.

U. S. steam transport Ariel, Graham, from Port Royal, 60 hours, to Fox & Livingston. Left the squadron off Hilton Head on Saturday, nothing of note to be discharged from service.

U. S. steam transport Herald, Rogers, Fortress Monroe 30 hours, to Ludlow & S. F. Harrison.

French gunboat Bouvinig, Commander, for Cienfuegos, Havana 6 in. She mounts 2 guns, and has a crew of 60 men.

Steamer Barton, Stever, Trenton, N. J., with pulp, to Wm. Jenkins.

Steamer Westchester, Rye, Providence, with stone, to E. Bynner.

Ship Dorator, (prize of Liverpool, England) Arthur, Matanzas 12 days, in ballast, to Order. Was captured by the taking of Fort Macon by Gen. Burnside's expedition, has a full cargo of spirits turpentine, rosin and tar, and was waiting a favorable opportunity to run the blockade for Liverpool.

Bark Gazelle, (of New-Haven) Hinckley, Matanzas, 12 days, in ballast, to Order. Left Sept. 4, for Newbern, N. C., with a cargo of spirits turpentine, rosin and tar, and brig Peacock, for New-York. May 6, lat. 31 40, lon. 69 10, spoke schr. Triangle from Perth Amboy for New-York, and was in co. 3 days, with light winds.

Brig Atlantic, (of New-Haven,) Brown, Cienfuegos, Spain, April 26, with sugar and molasses, to Wm. Bridge's Sons. Left brig Ann Eliza, Cox, for Boston, April 12, lat. 30 00, lon. 80 00, and schr. Gold Hunter, of Prince Edward's Island, bound east out of provisions. Took off the crew and landed them at Barbados. Sailed from there on Dec. 24, when 3 dr. out from Rio Janeiro for New-York.

Brig Arabella, Lindsay, Aspinwall 22 da., with mdse. to J. F. Joy.

Schr. Susquehanna, Hawkins, Fenwick, P. R., 8 days, in ballast, to Master. Left schr. Ann Eliza, Cox, for Boston, May 14, lat. 38 00, lon. 74 00, and spoke brig Sarah Elizabeth, Arcoy, for Boston, May 15, lat. 40 00, lon. 71 00, and schr. Sharp, Rogers, Fort Royal 8 da., with cotton to N. L. McCready & Co., bringing 400 bags of cotton to Hiram Barney.

Schr. Virginia, (of Brooklyn,) Hawkins, Fenwick, P. R., May 3, with sugar to Sturges & Co. Left in company schr. Euphemia, for New-York; brig Ann Eliza, Cox, for Boston, and schr. R. Smith, for New-York, May 3, off Fort Jefferson, May 5, with logwood, &c., to Lenormand & Co.

Schr. G. J. Young, (of Camden,) Packard, Savannah, May 5, with sugar to Brett, Son & Co.

Schr. C. H. Van Name, Van Name, Baltimore 3 da., with coal.

Schr. Kent Right, ——, Trenton, N. J., mdse.

Schr. Kate Gardiner, Wilson, Trenton, N. J., mdse.

Schr. Kenneth, Burns, Rondout, for Boston.

Schr. Sarah Gardner, Teal, Bridgeport, in ballast.

Schr. Sallie Smith, Worden, Bridgeport, with stone.

Schr. L. Daniels, Smith, Hartford, in ballast.

Schr. Kendall, Tuttle, Greenport, in ballast.

Schr. Breeze, Pinkham, Stonington, for Boston.

Sloop E. Sprague, Gibbs, Providence 3 da., with mdse.

WIND—Sunset, S., with fog.